



PRIME MINISTER

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GALLERY - INTERIM COUNCIL

The Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, announced today that Mr. Fred Williams, of Melbourne, had accepted an invitation to become a member of the Interim Council of the Australian National Gallery.

Mr. Williams is well-known as an Australian painter and graphic artist, and was a member of the former Australian National Gallery acquisitions committee.

The Interim Council is responsible for all Gallery affairs until the Gallery is established as a statutory authority. It is expected that legislation to establish the Gallery as a statutory authority will be introduced during the current session of Parliament.

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