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A competition is to be held to find a design for a memorial to the Royal Australian Navy.

The Canberra National Memorials Committee has approved the establishment of the memorial in Anzac Parade, Canberra.

The memorial is to be completed by December 1985, in time for its official unveiling during 1986 to mark the 75th anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy.

The memorial will be a most appropriate means of marking the Navy's 75th Anniversary.

The commission for the memorial will be one of the most valuable and significant ever awarded in Australia.

The National Capital Development Commission, which is conducting the competition on behalf of the Commonwealth Government will invite suitably qualified Australian residents or Australian citizens abroad to register their interest in being considered for a limited two-stage design competition.

A panel of assessors will review the applicants and select up to 15 entrants to submit preliminary design proposals.

The panel will then select up to five designs to be developed as final proposals.

The winning entrant will be selected by the assessment panel from the final designs it receives and then submitted to the Canberra National Memorials Committee for approval as a National Memorial.

Subject to the Committee's approval, the winning entrant will be commissioned to construct the memorial.

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The assessors are -

- Commissioner, National Capital Development Commission
Mr A.J.W. Powell;
- Secretary, Department of Territories and Local
Government, Mr J.D. Enfield;
- Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral M.W. Hudson
RAN, Designate;
- Federal President of the Naval Association, Surgeon
Captain, A.S. Ferguson, VRD; and
- Director of Artbank, Department of Home Affairs and
Environment, Mr Graeme Sturgeon.

The commission for this memorial offers talented Australians the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to design a major work.

The memorial will take its place on Anzac Parade as a tribute to those who contributed so much towards developing Australia's naval heritage.

Details of the competition will be widely advertised in the press.