



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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I am pleased to announce the launch of a competition to select a design for a memorial to the Australian Army. The establishment of the memorial in Anzac Parade, Canberra, has been approved by the Canberra National Memorials Committee, of which I am Chairman. The memorial is to be completed in 1988 for an official unveiling as part of the Bicentennial celebrations.

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 assessors will then select up to five designs to progress to the second stage and to be developed as final proposals. The final entrant will be selected by the assessment panel from these designs and the design submitted to the Canberra National Memorials Committee for approval. Subject to the Committee's approval, the winning entrant will be commissioned to construct the memorial.

The panel of assessors are:

- . Mr M M B Latham, Commissioner, National Capital Development Commission - Chairman;
- . Mr P J Galvin, Secretary, Department of Arts, Heritage and Environment;
- . General Sir Francis Hasset AC, KBE, CB, DSO, MVO, former Chief of the Defence Force Staff;
- . Major General G J Fitzgerald, Chief of Personnel - Army;
- . Major General J M L Macdonald AO, MBE, RFD, ED, former Citizens Military Forces Member of the Military Board;
- . Mr L Parr, AM, sculptor;
- . Mr G Sturgeon, Director Artbank, Department of Arts, Heritage and Environment.

The NCDC has prepared an information booklet for prospective entrants to the competition.

The memorial will be a significant and enduring means by which Australians can honour the service and sacrifice to the nation of the Australian Army.

The commission for the Memorial will be a significant artistic opportunity, offering Australian artists a unique opportunity to design a major work for public display. The commission will be amongst the most valuable ever awarded in Australia.