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BLOCK 3 SECTION 39 CAMPBELL AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) does not support the proposed Works Approval submission for the following reasons:

- The proposal removes a substantial number of trees from both Anzac Parade and Mount Ainslie that form an important setting for the Australian War Memorial. This will adversely affect the planning of the area and design quality of the setting.
- The front entry development will impinge adversely on the view from Anzac Parade and the site approaches on Limestone Avenue. This will adversely affect the design quality. This is acknowledged in the heritage assessment with the Works Approval which identifies it as a moderate impact.
- The proposed demolition of Anzac Hall, a building of National Architectural Merit and of heritage value as part of the Australian War Memorial, is not supported and by the Australian Heritage Council's own advice will have an adverse impact. This is also acknowledged in the heritage assessment with the Works Approval which identifies it as a high impact.
- Despite Minister Ley's approval it is considered the National Capital Authority has their own responsibilities under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1992 and should not approve the proposal. The fact that parts of the proposal have a moderate and high impact on heritage value (by the information provided with the Works Approval) further supports this issue.
- The proposal is considered inconsistent with the National Capital Plan and it will have an adverse impact on planning and the design quality of the premier axis of Canberra.
- Approval of these changes will degrade Canberra as the Nation's capital and upholder of best conservation practice.

Kind regards

Gary Kent
President

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