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## TO: SENATORS, MEMBERS AND OTHER BUILDING OCCUPANTS

## Disposal of cigarette butts at Parliament House

- 1 This Information Circular is a reminder that Parliament House became a smoke free building in 1991, and in 2007 the smoke free policy was extended to include certain courtyards and all carparks.
- Ashtrays are provided in areas where smoking is permitted. Recently there has been an increase of cigarette butts in the courtyards and parts of the building (particularly in the fire stairs).
- 3 Landscape Services staff must pick up discarded cigarette butts by hand, chemicals from the butts leach into the garden beds, and butts can be washed into the stormwater drains.
- 4 To ensure that Landscape Services staff do not have to continue with this unpleasant and preventable task, would all smokers please ensure that cigarette butts are correctly disposed of in the ashtrays provided.
- As a reminder, please find attached a building plan that identifies the courtyards and major entrances where smoking is prohibited or permitted.
- The policy of non smoking in Parliament House can be found at this link: <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/visitors/smoking.pdf">http://www.aph.gov.au/visitors/smoking.pdf</a>.

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