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TO: SENATORS, MEMBERS AND OTHER BUILDING OCCUPANTS

**Smoking in the Parliamentary precinct**

1 On 9 December 2010, new legislation came into affect regarding smoke free outdoor eating and drinking places in the ACT.

2 Subsequently a revision has been made to the Parliamentary precincts smoking policy, to align with the new ACT legislation.

3 The courtyard areas adjacent to Aussie's General Store and the Queen's Terrace have now been designated as smoke free, in addition to the existing smoke free areas.

4 Smoke free areas within the Parliament House grounds now include:

- (a) Courtyards with air intakes;
- (b) Within five metres of major entrances to the building, including the walkway adjacent to the Prime Ministers courtyard; and
- (c) Designated outdoor eating and drinking areas.

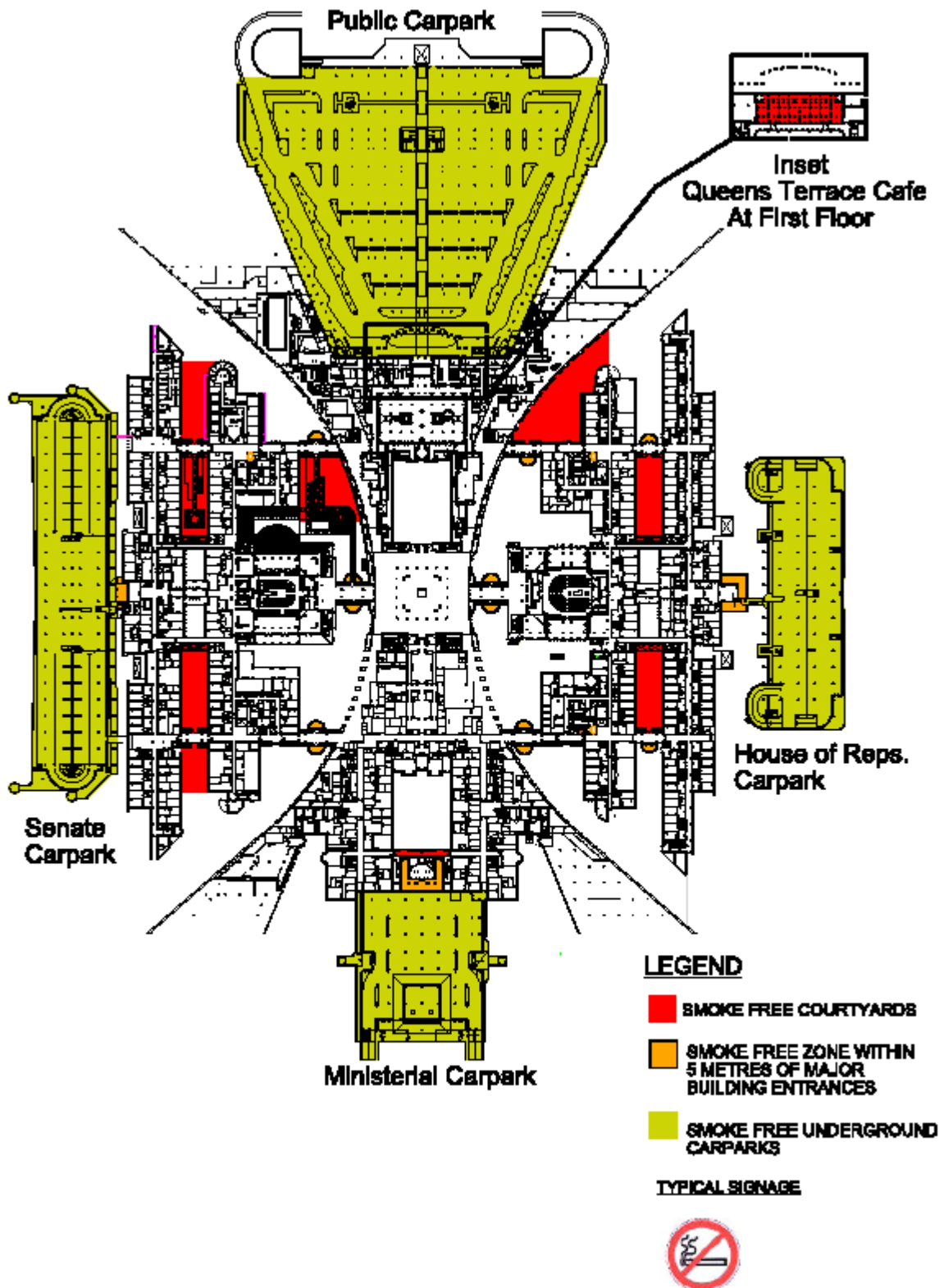
5 The areas where smoking is prohibited are shown on the building plan at **Attachment A**. Signs have been installed to indicate that smoking is prohibited in these areas.

6 All building occupants and visitors are required to comply with these directions. I thank you for your cooperation.

7 For further information on this matter please contact Simone Merrick on extension 5043 or email: [simone.merrick@aph.gov.au](mailto:simone.merrick@aph.gov.au)

Alan Thompson  
Secretary

Attachment A



**NO SMOKING AREAS**