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**Inquiry into the Administration of the National Memorials
Ordinance 1928**

Thank you for your invitation of 19 August 2011 giving us the opportunity to submit a response to the National Memorials Inquiry.

The administration of the Ordinance is directly relevant to the Objectives of the Peacekeeping Memorial Project which seeks to build a National Memorial that commemorates our Nation's selfless actions in conflicts.

We offer the following comment in response to the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry:

- The membership of the Committee should be as broad as possible and include organisations such as the RSL and other ex-service groups.
- When filling the positions available for two members of the public, consideration should be given for at least one to be from the Australian Defence Force or the ex-service community.
- The public should be invited and encouraged to make submissions to the CNMC and the Committee should seek opinions from the National Capital Authority (NCA) and/or Department of Veterans' Affairs as appropriate.

The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project is progressing strongly. Over the last six years, the volunteer Project Committee has established good levels of governance and management. The Project has strong bipartisan support from the Federal and ACT Governments, and from within the Defence, Police and peacekeeping veteran communities. Representatives of its major supporting organisations are on its Committee. A site has been allocated by the CNMC for the Memorial on Anzac Parade and the NCA was involved in the initial design competition and development.

The Peacekeeping Memorial's design is now complete, prototype elements have been built and tested and the Committee is now focussing on raising the remaining funds to allow construction to take place as soon as possible. Details on the APMP's vision, structure, progress and news is outlined on its website at <http://www.peacekeepingmemorial.org.au/>

On the 14th September the APMP coordinated the third annual Commemorative Ceremony of Australian Peacekeeping Day to take place at the Memorial's site on Anzac Parade. The Ceremony was strongly attended.

The Peacekeeping Memorial Committee welcomes the National Memorials Inquiry and looks forward to continued support from the CNMC.

Yours sincerely



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