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Subject: War memorial expansion

Dear Committee,

I would just like to pass on my appreciation of your allocation of funding to expand the Australian War Memorial.

In my opinion, it is the best site of its kind I have seen (Imperial War Museum, Vietnam, Arlington etc) due to its interaction with the public and the esteem the place holds with Australians. I believe there is a requirement to tell more stories of Australians who have served their country and not only in the shape of military service. There are untold stories of Police and indigenous service and missions to Bougainville and the more recent middle east conflicts, stories of the former Aus Aid staff building roads in Afghanistan and other places, all tied in with coalition missions.

The AWM is a National Place of learning and hopefully healing and the better we can make it and the more items we can display and teach and show all Australians for now and the future is a good , responsible and caring thing.

I applaud the PWC's initiative and hope this project is given the priority it well and truly deserves.

Yours sincerely,

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