The following basic principles must be followed:

- A wide range of people should have a say regarding memorials in Canberra (e.g. government, parliament, citizens, experts)
- Experts should be part of the CNMC or available to it (e.g. high profile heritage expert such as the Chair of the Australian Council of National Trusts , historian, landscape architect or urban planner )
- The provision since 1953 for two ACT resident members to be on the CNMC must be filled.
- Transparency and accountability must be assured by opportunity for public submissions on initial site and concept proposals.
- The current memorials proposals, particularly the one for the lakeside memorials, should they be stopped because of deficiencies in process.

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