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Dear Auditor-General,

I write to you on behalf of my constituents Dr Sue Wareham OAM and Mr David Stephens, members of the Heritage Guardians group. The Heritage Guardians are a group who, like many in the Canberra community, are deeply concerned about the recently started expansion of the Australian War Memorial (AWM), and about the processes of the Australian Government in undertaking this project.

I understand that the Audit Office has put the 'management of the AWM expansion project' on its potential audit list. In my role as the representative of the Canberra electorate, I voice my support for this audit proceeding. I hope you may also be able to clarify a few points of concern.

When will a decision be made on whether there is an audit of the AWM expansion project?

How broad will the terms of reference of this potential audit be? Given the strong sustained community campaign against the project, will the audit include an examination of how accurately or otherwise the AWM reported the extent of public support or opposition for the project?

How broadly is the term "management" interpreted?

I understand that there is an audit currently in progress on the National Capital Authority's procurement process. Does this audit include the War Memorial expansion? If not, why not?

Thank you for your consideration of these questions.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Alicia Payne'.

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