

Celebrating the Centenary of the House of Representatives

Banners have traditionally been used in Australia as a means to celebrate, demonstrate and commemorate. We've had suffragettes with banners seeking the right to vote for women, trade union banners supporting the rights of workers, and banners carried by our diggers marching on Anzac Day.

Now, to celebrate one hundred years of Australia's House of Representatives, the Department of the House of Representatives has commissioned four Centenary Banners. The giant banners, hanging two at a time in the foyer of the House of Representatives Entrance at Parliament House, were conceived as a gift recognising the people who have worked in the House and their contribution to the nation.

Designed by Australian artist Keiko Amenomori-Schmeisser, the banners were conceived around four central ideas or elements which she believes shape our democracy and the past and contemporary heritage of the House: the land, the people, the law, and our sense of the future.

Visitors to Parliament House can view the House of Representatives Centenary Banners by walking from the Main Entrance around the outside of Parliament House to the House of Representatives Entrance located on the eastern side of the building.

The banner project was conceived by the House of Representatives Liaison and Projects Office and was coordinated through MGT Architects, the designers of Parliament House.



Photo: Keiko Amenomori-Schmeisser with one of the four banners she designed to celebrate the Centenary of the House of Representatives. According to the artist, the banner, entitled 'This is us', speaks of the many influences and cultural diversity in Australia. "Adding to the rich culture of Indigenous Australians, people from various countries brought with them to Australia the wealth of their own traditions, a complex history of social heritage and cultural content. Their textiles tell us stories of their lives. A strong communication in many voices, through many colours and common threads: this is us."



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Public works worth \$360 million under review

Parliament's Public Works Committee is reviewing the following projects:

- Redevelopment of the Army Aviation Centre at Oakey, Queensland;
- Redevelopment of the Defence Intelligence Training Centre at Canungra, Queensland;
- Redevelopment of Residential Areas at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, ACT;
- Lavarack Barracks Redevelopment Stage 3, Townsville, Queensland; and
- Stage 2 Redevelopment of the RAAF Base, Townsville, Queensland.

If you are interested in these projects or have comments to make on them, call: (02) 6277 4636 or email: jcpw@aph.gov.au

New international treaties under review

Should Australia ratify treaties on film co-production with Germany, social security with New Zealand and the conservation of albatrosses and petrels? If you want to have your say on whether ratifying these treaties would be in the national interest, call the Joint Committee on Treaties on (02) 6277 4002 or email: jsct@aph.gov.au

Support for Singapore trade treaty

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The treaty ensures mutual recognition of health and safety testing results, speeding-up market access and allowing for the consistent application of standards.

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Melbourne seminar About the House

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