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MoAD visitors go on *the record* for equal pay, Indigenous rights and climate action

A unique and playful experience during *Enlighten* captures significant moments in our nation's history from Hansard – the living record of parliamentary debate in chambers and committees – and allows visitors to have their say as a part of an impressive art installation in King's Hall at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House.

For the Record covers themes such as Indigenous Rights, Women's Rights, Immigration and Refugees, Sport and Culture, the Environment and Old Parliament House itself, demonstrating how consistently the same issues reverberate through our national discourse today.

Ms Daryl Karp, Director of the Museum of Australian Democracy, says ***For the Record*** allows visitors to view democracy through a different lens, translating a historical record into a tangible, fun and engaging activity.

"Significant moments from Australia's history have happened on the floors of parliament and have been captured in Hansard," said Ms Karp. "***For the Record*** allows visitors to connect with a part of Australia's story that is important to them and add to it – allowing us to create an art installation that is a unique mix of history and interpretation.

"Thousands of people have already taken part during the first weekend of *Enlighten* and it is fascinating to see visitors selecting themes that are meaningful to them and their families. For some, Indigenous Rights is close to their heart and the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum is a topical theme here. Women's rights and the Environment have also resonated with visitors, sparking discussion around equal pay and renewable energy."

"I don't like craft and I have no artistic ability, but it's a bit of fun. It's really important that women have the vote. Young women have a big problem with their body image too. Let them be comfortable in their own skin," said one male participant at ***For the Record***.

Visitors have the opportunity to see the installation as it evolves and add their own voice to ***For the Record*** during the last weekend of *Enlighten*.

For the Record is an all-ages community art project and is currently open for viewing between 9am – 5pm daily. Visitors will be able to take part in the installation during *Enlighten* on Friday 10 March and Saturday 11 March from 6.30pm – 10.30pm. For those not able to come into the building, ***For the Record*** materials can be downloaded at fortherecord.moadoph.gov.au. Participants are encouraged to share their creations using #HansART.

The Museum of Australian Democracy is a must-see tourist destination that celebrates the spirit of Australian democracy and the power of your voice within it. It delivers engaging and participative exhibitions that aim to challenge thinking and spark conversation. The museum is situated in the iconic Old Parliament House – which in 2017 celebrates 90 years as part of Australia's and Canberra's history.

For more information visit www.moadoph.gov.au .

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Media opportunities

- Interview opportunities with Daryl Karp (Director of the Museum of Australian Democracy) and Nanette Louchart-Fletcher (Creative Producer at the Museum of Australian Democracy).
- Audio from interview with Hansard reporter John Campbell (2008):
<http://oralhistories.moadoph.gov.au/john-campbell>