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Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House – Statement of Expectations

Dear Dr Kemp

I am writing to you to outline my expectations for the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House (MOAD) for 2017-18. The allocation for the Museum in 2017-18 is \$18.573 million. This includes \$4.2 million from the Public Service Modernisation Fund.

Let me firstly acknowledge the achievements of MOAD in 2016-17, particularly the *Behind the Lines* traveling exhibition, and note again the efforts of MOAD staff in the transition to a Corporate Commonwealth entity status in late 2016.

More broadly, I acknowledge the efforts of MOAD and its Board in fostering a strong vision for the Museum as well as developing clear and achievable objectives for its operations. This will ensure that MOAD remains one of the nation's important cultural institutions enabling audiences to enjoy, appreciate and understand the role of democracy in Australia's history.

I anticipate that during 2017-18 MOAD will continue to perform its core function as a living museum of social and political history. I would like to take this opportunity to outline some strategic priorities that I expect MOAD to focus on in 2017-18. These are:

- Commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the opening of Old Parliament House.
- Consider opportunities for the museum to contribute to the Government's innovation agenda.
- Contribute data on the agency's performance to national reporting and planning.
- Build on the success to date in pursuing opportunities for own source revenue.
- Contribute to the Government's diversity and inclusion objectives including Closing the Gap, through the Museum's programs, processes and Board membership.
- Continue to identify and implement operational efficiencies in line with our expectation that all departments and agencies assist the Government in achieving budget repair.
- Contribute to the Government's cultural diplomacy outcomes within existing resources with particular focus on China, Singapore, India, Germany and Japan.

I note that many of these areas are already being actively progressed, and thank you for the considerable work you have already done to implement efficiencies and streamline operations.

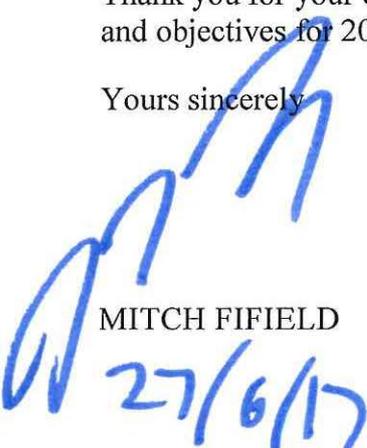
I encourage you to continue to work cooperatively with the Department of Communications and the Arts and the other national collecting institutions in contributing to the Government's policy settings. I also appreciate you alerting me to any significant events related to MOAD activities or functions.

I intend to schedule an annual meeting with you and the Museum's Director to discuss plans for the year. I suggest this could be held in advance of the next iteration of your Corporate Plan. This would provide a formal opportunity to discuss MOAD's plans as well as Government priorities.

This Statement of Expectations and your corresponding Statement of Intent form an important component of MOAD's governance framework. As such, I would expect both to be public documents. I have written in similar terms to all arts portfolio agencies, and have copied this letter to the Director of MOAD, Ms Daryl Karp.

Thank you for your ongoing stewardship of MOAD. I wish you success in meeting your outcomes and objectives for 2017-18.

Yours sincerely



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