



AHA Statement in response to the Australian Government's announcement that it will invite nominations for the Australian War Memorial Council

The Australian Historical Association welcomes the decision of the government to invite nominations for appropriately qualified Australians to serve on the Australian War Memorial Council. The AHA has long advocated that the Council of this significant national institution ought to be more representative of the Australian community to which it belongs. We have also argued for the essential place of professional historical expertise in the Council's deliberations. It is essential that an institution devoted to telling the stories of Australians at war draws on the best available historical expertise and the latest research findings. As the representative organisation of the historical profession in Australia, we look forward to working with the AWM to help tell these stories in a way that does justice to the complexity of Australia's past. This will necessarily include significant treatment of Australian frontier warfare.

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