

As friends of the Museum for many years we are pleased that a review is being undertaken to evaluate the foundation and early times of the collection and exhibitions.

We have few comments for consideration of the review committee:

1. Our family visits the museum regularly. One of the strong, continuing impressions is that most of the exhibit areas are very dark, making many of the placards difficult to read, and some of the artefacts are obscured in the shade.

2. So much of the regular display material is connected conceptually with other major collections in Canberra, including the NLA, War Memorial, National Archives, Butlin Archives, National Portrait Gallery, National Gallery and Parliament House. It would be useful if some of these links could be revealed in the notes of description or through handouts that will guide visitors to other exhibits in Canberra.

3. The Mars exhibit struck us a strange choice for the NMA.

Overall we are very pleased with the Museum, and proud that it is a part of our city.

We look forward to a very positive report from the committee.

Sincerely,

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