

New Zealand Memorial Park Wellington



**Invitation to Participate
in a Design Project**

Project Overview

Background

Memorials provide a tangible and immediate focal point for a sense of national identity, as sites for commemoration and remembrance of those who served in times of war, and for the recognition of the relationships New Zealand has forged with other countries through a shared military heritage.

The Ministry for Culture and Heritage, in association with the Wellington City Council, propose to create a memorial park in front of the National War Memorial in Wellington. The park is intended to improve the setting of the National War Memorial, to create a space in the capital city for the development of new memorials from countries which New Zealand has a close relationship with and to provide a space for people to congregate on ceremonial occasions as well as provide a space that can be utilised by day to day users.

In order to maximise the integration of the park into the memorial precinct, it is suggested that Buckle Street be realigned to the north to maximise the space that is not vehicle dominated. This realignment should enhance and support the park while minimising any left over space.

Design Selection

The Ministry is now seeking expressions of interest from architects, landscape architects or other designers for the memorial park. From those who make submissions, a number will be invited to submit design proposals. Of these, a final design will be selected and a contract for the development of the design of the park may be awarded. Entry is restricted to New Zealand based designers and New Zealand designers living overseas.

Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will be used to assess design proposals. The designs need to:

- Deliver a high quality, imaginative and cohesive design that is locally and internationally recognised that enhances the existing heritage listed National War Memorial by building on the idea of the sense of 'national identity'.
- Provide a park that supports commemoration and remembrance of those who served in time of war, and for the recognition of the relationships New Zealand has forged with other countries through a shared military heritage.
- Provide a safe park that integrates and connects into the city fabric by supporting day to day users as well as a gathering space for events such as ceremonial occasions such as the commemoration service at Anzac Day.

- Consider how the east west connector Buckle St/State Highway 1 is to create/reinforce the new public space and minimise 'left over' open space.
- Propose how the park will contribute as part of Wellington's wider celebration of the role of capital city.
- Provide a strategy as to how new memorials from other countries may be integrated into the park landscape.

Illustrations:

- Aerial photograph of site
- Aerial photograph of site with contour lines
- Aerial photograph with overlay of area of park and proposed new road alignment
- Photo-montage of site
- Historic image of National War Memorial
- Architect's sketch of the National War Memorial 1
- Architect's sketch of the National War Memorial 2

Expressions of Interest Invited From Applicants

Each applicant who wishes to submit an expression of interest in the project is invited to provide the following information:

- A statement of how you might approach the issues regarding the site, including your design philosophy to address these issues and how your design might deliver on the assessment criteria.
- A résumé of not more than two A4 pages;
- A description or illustrations of not more than four A4 pages of past projects which are relevant to the nature of the proposed commission;
- The names, addresses and contact details of referees and/or photographs and details of reference sites on not more than two A4 pages;

Two copies of the above information should be supplied; one bound, the other unbound.

No other information will be considered.

Expressions of Interest should be addressed to:

New Zealand Memorial Park
Ministry for Culture and Heritage
PO Box 5364
Level 5, Radio New Zealand House
155 The Terrace
WELLINGTON

For enquiries, please contact the Ministry by telephone on (04) 499 4229, by fax on (04) 499 4490, or by email to info@mch.govt.nz.

Copies of this document are available through the Ministry's website: www.mch.govt.nz.

The closing date for expressions of interest is 5:00pm, Friday, 15 June 2007.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be selected to participate in the next stage of the process on the basis of certain criteria and weightings for these criteria. The criteria are:

- Overall realistic appreciation of the concept and purpose
- Qualifications and relevant experience
- Quality of reference sites and client responses

Panel of Assessors

All expressions of interest will be considered by a panel of assessors. For each stage of the project it is expected the panel will consist of:

- Architect
- Landscape architect
- Urban Designer
- Representative of National War Memorial Advisory Council (chairman)
- Representative of the Ministry for Culture and Heritage

Representatives from Wellington City Council will act as advisors.

Additional technical, cultural or historical advice may be called on by the panel, if needed.

The final design will require the approval of the New Zealand Government.

Cost of Submissions and Applicant Fees

- All costs relating to the submission of expressions of interest are to be met by the applicant.
- Each applicant who is short listed and submits a proposal complying with the *Design Project Conditions*¹ will receive \$3,000.

A second stage in the design selection may be required at the sole discretion of the panel of assessors.

Anticipated Timetable

Invitation issued	25 May 2007
Expressions of Interest close	15 June 2007
Shortlist of designers selected	22 June 2007
Deadline for proposals	early-August 2007
Selection of final design	mid-August 2007

Please note that the above dates are approximations. While the Ministry will endeavour to meet these dates, there may be times when they are altered.

¹ The *Design Project Conditions* will be outlined in a detailed document which will be sent to all applicants short listed to submit a design proposal. It will contain more detailed briefing information.