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Membership of the Committee

On 4 December 1990, at the first meeting of the Legislative Assembly following the General Election, the Sessional Committee on the New Parliament House was reappointed with the following Membership:

Mr Speaker
Mr Ede
Mr Finch
Mr Setter
Mr Stirling

On 6 December 1990, Mr Ede was discharged from further attendance on the Committee and Mrs Hickey was appointed to be a Member of the Committee in his stead.

At the meeting of the Committee on 7 February 1991, Mr Speaker Dondas was elected Chairman of the Committee.

Precincts of Parliament

On 22 August 1991 the Committee of Privileges tabled its Report on the Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act. In that Report, at pages 109-116, the Committee considered the areas that should be declared Parliamentary Precincts when the

new Parliament House is completed. The Committee divided the proposed new Parliament House Precincts into three separate areas which it marked "A", "B" and "C".

"A" is the area occupied by the new Parliament House;

"B" is primarily the car park nominated for use by certain staff working in the building and for the public; and

"C" is the area between the new Parliament House, the Supreme Court and Government House "Liberty Square".

A plan of this area is set out at Appendix 1.

The Committee did not make a firm recommendation on the matter. It was of the opinion that what should be the eventual precincts of the new Parliament House was more a matter for the Assembly to determine following a recommendation from the New Parliament House Committee.

Your Committee has given detailed consideration to the Parliamentary Precincts proposed in the Report of the Committee of Privileges and is in general agreement with the areas proposed. However, for security and other reasons, it was of the opinion that the Precincts should be extended to encompass the area of Mitchell Street adjacent to the main front entrance of the new Parliament House and the steps and front verandah of the Chan Building.

It should be noted that the declaration of an area as Parliamentary precincts does not necessarily entail ownership, but rather is a declaration for the purposes of the Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act or the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act, if enacted.

Your Committee therefore recommends: That, when the new Parliament House is completed, the Parliamentary Precincts be as follows:

"ALL THAT parcel of land in the Town of Darwin, Northern Territory of Australia containing an area of 2.41 hectares more or less and bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at the westernmost corner of lot 5949 Town of Darwin; thence by a line bearing 134 degrees 38 minutes 20 seconds for 103.5 metres; a convex curve of arc 166.75 metres, radius 126.4 metres and chord bearing 276 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds; a line bearing 314 degrees 44 minutes for 102.15 metres; a concave curve of arc 53.905 metres, radius 84 metres and chord bearing 296 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds; a convex curve of arc 29.175 metres, radius 153 metres and chord bearing 283 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds; a line bearing 288 degrees 53 minutes for 7 metres; a convex curve of arc 5.975 metres, radius 13.5 metres and chord bearing 301 degrees 34 minutes; a convex curve of arc 9.015 metres, radius 7 metres and chord bearing 351 degrees 8 minutes 40 seconds; a convex curve of arc 14.765 metres, radius 51 metres and chord bearing 36 degrees 20 minutes 20 seconds; a line bearing 44 degrees 38 minutes for 29.7 metres; a convex curve of arc 10.995 metres, radius 7 metres and chord bearing 89 degrees 38 minutes; a line bearing 134 degrees 38 minutes for 21 metres; a line bearing 44 degrees 38 minutes for 10.8 metres; a line bearing 134 degrees 38 minutes for 76.74 metres; a line bearing 44 degrees 38 minutes for 81.1 metres; a line bearing 134 degrees 38 minutes for 18.46 metres; a line bearing 44 degrees 38 minutes for 6.4 metres; a line bearing 134 degrees 34 minutes for 47.17 metres; a line bearing 224 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds for 6.355 metres; a line bearing 134 degrees 38 minutes for 16.7 metres; a line bearing 224 degrees 38 minutes for 3.195 metres; a line bearing 134 degrees 38 minutes for 30.305 metres; a line bearing 224 degrees 37 minutes 10 seconds for 14.405 metres to the point of commencement.

A map detailing the area described above is at Appendix 2.



NICK DONDAS
Speaker

