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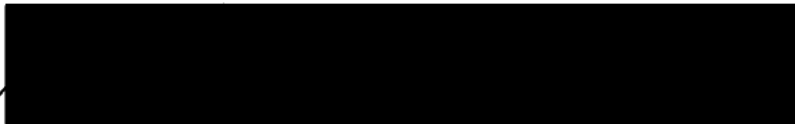
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Inquiry into a Territory Coat of Arms

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Secretary

Committee of Inquiry into Coat of Arms

Dear Sir / Madam

The printed proposal is excellent.
But, any coat must have the southern Rock Wallaby on it to balance the bluebell.

Motto "For First & All Peoples"

Yours faithfully

Christopher Ryan

No UK link for coat of arms

Andrew Brown

SYMBOLS linked to Britain and the monarchy should be removed from the ACT's new coat of arms, submissions to a government committee have said.

Public responses to the proposal to design a territory coat of arms have instead said native flora and fauna should feature prominently in the new design.

An overwhelming majority of the 41 submissions to the parliamentary inquiry called for British symbols on the current Canberra city coat of arms - such as crossed swords, a rose of York and the motto "For the Queen, the Law and the People" - to be scrapped for the updated ACT coat of arms.

"It is beyond absurd that the national capital should be associated with the symbols of a foreign monarchy," one submission said.

Native symbols such as the gang-gang cockatoo, wattles and royal bluebells were all suggested for inclusion on the new coat of arms.



An alternate design for the ACT's coat of arms. Photo: Lyn Grigg

Many of the submissions also called for greater Indigenous representation.

"A coat that acknowledges the Indigenous owners of this region, and reflects the richness and complexity of its past, would be most ideal," another submission said.

Some submissions included designs of what the new coat of arms should look like.

One would see the Brindabellas, the gang-gang cockatoo and the royal bluebell flower inside an outline of the ACT. Another suggestion would keep the yellow and blue colours associated with the ACT flag and be centred around the royal bluebell.

