

# Ngurra: The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Precinct



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The Australian Government has announced its commitment to build Ngurra: The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Precinct (Ngurra) at the heart of the national capital, Canberra.

Ngurra will be nationally significant in speaking to the central place that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples hold in Australia's story.

It will comprise two key and distinct elements:

- **A National Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Centre** with new and expanded facilities for AIATSIS that empower and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to tell their own stories and celebrate the 65,000-year history of this nation.
- **A National Resting Place** to house and care for repatriated limited provenance ancestral remains and any associated cultural material on their journey back to Country.

Ngurra will close the widely acknowledged gap among the existing institutions. It will also build a shared understanding of our present and our future, furthering the national narrative of what it means to be an Australian.

## Location

Ngurra will sit at the heart of our nation's capital, Commonwealth Place in the National Triangle, close to the centre of government and alongside other principal Australian cultural institutions from where our national story is told.

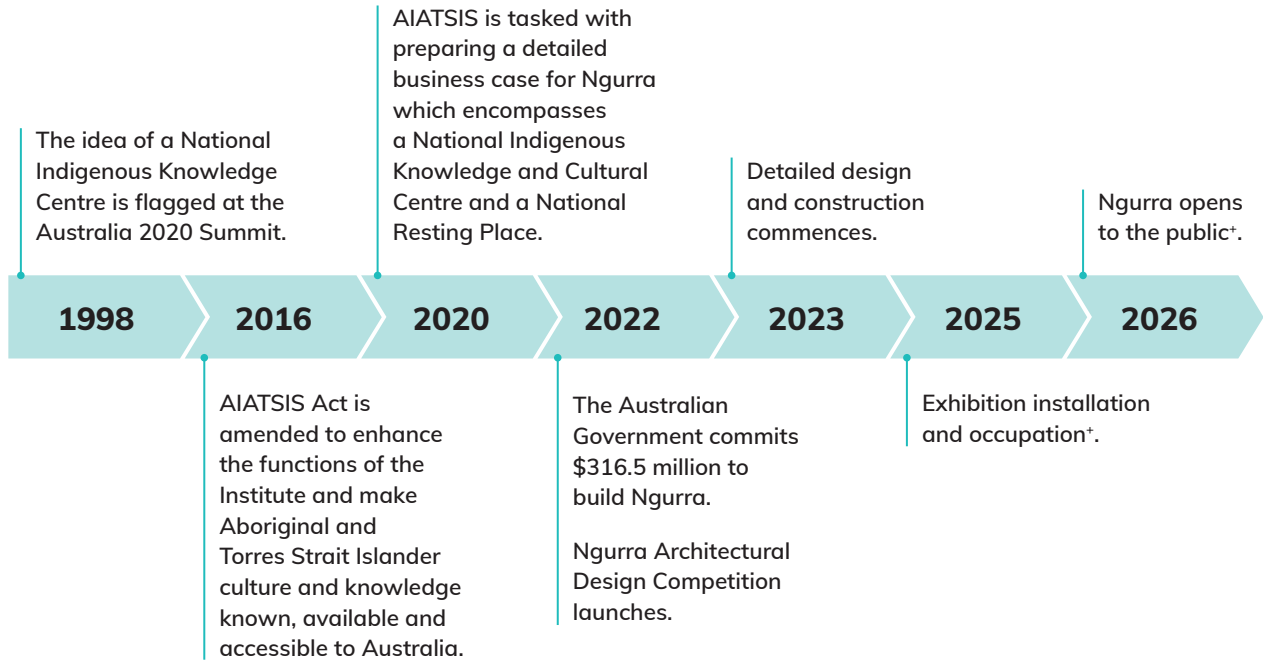
The site is located on one of the major axis of Walter Burley Griffin's design for Canberra between Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial and will complement the existing institutions that are located within the National Triangle. These include the Tent Embassy, National Library of Australia, Questacon, the National Portrait Gallery, the National Gallery of Australia, and the High Court of Australia.

**Ngurra** appears in many different Aboriginal languages around Australia and is a word for 'home', 'camp', 'a place of belonging', 'a place of inclusion'.



The Ngurra site looking towards Mount Ainslie. Photo: Geoff Comfort

# Timeline



\*Forecasted project schedule – subject to change.



The Ngurra site.

*Building a world in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' knowledge and cultures are recognised, respected, celebrated and valued.*

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