

Media Release

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Facade Works Commencing on the National Carillon

The National Capital Authority (NCA) is commencing essential facade restoration works on the iconic and Commonwealth Heritage-listed National Carillon, a cherished symbol of Australian cultural heritage and considered the crowning glory of Lake Burley Griffin.

The restoration works are vital to preserve the structural integrity and aesthetic beauty of the beloved landmark for generations to come. The scope of the project includes specialist facade cleaning, concrete repairs, renewal of external panel joint sealants, roof system upgrades, glazing works, and the installation of additional fixings for cladding support.

The NCA has recently appointed Duratec Australia as the contractor to deliver this project. The NCA will partner with Duratec's local Canberra-based team to deliver this important project.

The NCA estimates the works to be completed within seven months, with the work to take place during the summer months to avoid weather-related delays. The restoration works will necessitate the temporary closure of certain access points and areas surrounding the National Carillon. From 30 October 2023 and continuing until May 2024, Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Island will be closed to ensure the safety of both workers and the public.

Carpark spaces adjacent to QEII II Island will be closed during the entire works to accommodate the construction site compound. However, Wendouree Drive and paths will remain open, with periodic partial road and path closures to facilitate the loading and unloading of construction equipment. Traffic in the area will be directed by lane closure signs and marshals to ensure a safe flow of vehicles.

Quotes attributable to Sally Barnes, Chief Executive of the National Capital Authority:

"The NCA is thrilled to announce the commencement of facade restoration on the National Carillon, a defining feature of our capital. This project highlights our unwavering commitment to its heritage, beauty, and the enduring legacy it represents.

"The National Carillon, overlooking Lake Burley Griffin, is an integral part of Canberra's identity. Our restoration efforts not only preserve its physical structure but also safeguard its place in the hearts of the community and all Australians."

For more information on this project, please visit the NCA website at <u>National Capital Authority</u> (nca.gov.au)