

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of military and other Australian historians, scholars and researchers

draws to the attention of the House:

The recent and ill-advised budget cuts forced upon the Australian Army's History Unit. We ask the House to note the immediate and long term effect of this decision on the army's heritage and more broadly on academic scholarship and the study and dissemination of Australian military history.

We therefore ask the House to:

Appoint an independent committee to review the decision, the advice sought and the appropriateness of the funding cuts. The Committee would recommend that the Government accept and implement its findings.