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### **\$50,000 international competition for Canberra Central Parklands**

An international competition seeking a renewed future for Canberra Central Parklands is now underway.

The Federal Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads Jim Lloyd this morning launched the competition in the national capital.

“The competition will attract top landscape architecture, architecture and urban planning professionals from around the world to set out their vision for the national capital’s premier parklands,” Mr Lloyd said.

“The NCA is looking for a master plan for Canberra Central Parklands, which comprises Commonwealth Park, Kings Park and Rond Terraces, and we are calling on the best in the world to enter the competition and put forward their ideas.

“The winner will receive \$50,000 and may be commissioned to develop a detailed master plan. This plan will set down ways to develop the parkland while protecting the best of its existing features,” he said.

NCA Chairman Michael Ball said the competition was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for landscape architects, urban planners and architects.

“The tradition of international competitions is one that we hold dear. The design for our national capital by Walter Burley Griffin was selected by international competition, as were many of our city’s landmarks,” Mr Ball said.

“This is an unparalleled opportunity to create a world’s best plan for these significant national parklands along the northern shore of Lake Burley Griffin.

“The eminent jury is lead by Elizabeth Mossop, an Australian working in the United States, together with Robert Schaefer from Germany, Christophe Girot from Switzerland, and Sue Barnsley, Rob Adams and Stuart Mackenzie, who are all from Australia,” he said.

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NCA chief executive Annabelle Pegrum said entries were expected from around the globe and across Australia.

“It’s an extremely exciting competition that we trust will fire the imaginations of designers in this field,” Ms Pegrum said.

“For the people of Australia and for the Canberra community, this competition will help us to create public spaces to use and enjoy with improved amenities and accessibility.

“Heritage values and special places and features, such as Blundells Cottage and the national monuments, will be protected. The features you love about Commonwealth Park will be retained and it will be better integrated with Kings Park,” she said.

Registration for competitors closes on 23 April 2007 with entries due by 23 May 2007. The winner will be announced in late June 2007.

For more information, please visit [www.parklands.nationalcapital.gov.au](http://www.parklands.nationalcapital.gov.au).

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