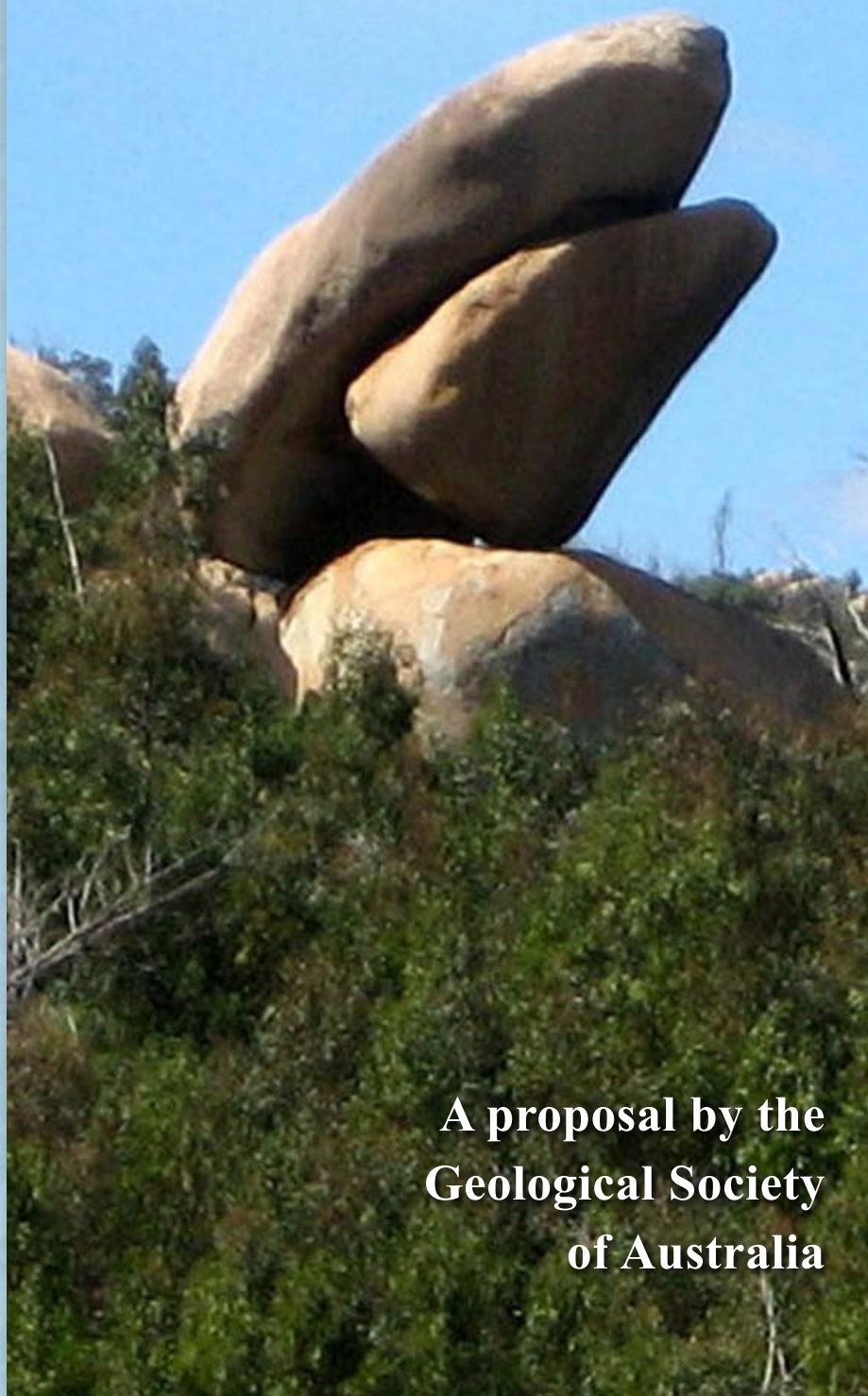


# National Rock Garden

*Celebrating the Geological  
Heritage of Australia*



**A proposal by the  
Geological Society  
of Australia**

Australia's prosperity over the last two hundred years has depended substantially on the geological makeup of the continent and its margins. This economic dependence on the continent's geological legacy is likely to continue well into the future.

It is appropriate that due recognition be given to Australia's geological heritage by establishing a tribute in the form of a park/garden containing rock specimens from around the country within the nation's capital. The garden will demonstrate the richness and diversity of Australian geology in every State and Territory.

It is proposed that this tribute take the form of a National Rock Garden on the north-western shores of Lake Burley Griffin, central Canberra.







## THE SITE

In cooperation with the National Capital Authority (NCA), the Geological Society has negotiated access to a site adjacent to the Lindsay Pryor National Arboretum on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin.

This site will share infrastructure such as roads, amenities blocks, pathways, shelters, car and bus parking with the Lindsay Pryor National Arboretum currently being redeveloped.

The site of the National Rock Garden is gently sloping grassland, ideal for the development of pathways, rock specimen sites and public amenities at a tourist and educational destination.

## PARTNERSHIPS

The Geological Society of Australia seeks partnerships in this project with other learned societies, academic institutions, State Governments and Departments, and corporate players in the mining, petroleum and quarrying industries, and indigenous Australians. Expressions of interest are welcome.

## GARDEN DESIGN

The landscape design for the National Rock Garden is in its early stages. However, it is envisaged that there will be provision for up to one hundred substantial iconic rock specimens from all the States and Territories of Australia, each specimen being 10-20 tonnes.

Some concept designs can be viewed at the Geological Society of Australia website [www.gsa.org.au](http://www.gsa.org.au) Look for the links to National Rock Garden.

Combined with the planting of appropriate trees and shrubs, each State and Territory of Australia will be able to say it has physically contributed, in a very real sense, to the capital of the nation. Australia's geological heritage, perhaps unconsciously, is inherent in many important aspects of our lives including not only mineral deposits, but also tourism, agriculture, building stones, construction materials and aboriginal legend. Let's acknowledge these in the National Rock Garden.

## CONTACTS

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To acknowledge and celebrate Australia's rich geological heritage in a parkland setting within the nation's capital, and demonstrate to present and future generations of Australians the diversity of the rocks and minerals that contribute significantly to the nation's landscapes, heritage and prosperity.

