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Statement of Support for the Australian Dictionary of Biography

The Australian National University has a long and proud association with the Australian Dictionary of Biography (ADB), an institution that has made an outstanding contribution to Australia's understanding of its history, people and national story for more than six decades.

The ADB represents one of Australia's most significant collaborative scholarly enterprises, bringing together historians, researchers and subject matter experts from universities, libraries, archives and cultural institutions across the nation. Its success is founded not only on rigorous scholarship, but also on the remarkable commitment of its extensive network of volunteer contributors, editorial working parties and Board members.

The University recognises the ADB's enduring national significance and the important role it plays in preserving and sharing Australia's biographical history for researchers, educators, students and the broader community. The ADB exemplifies the collaborative spirit that has long characterised Australian research and scholarship.

I particularly acknowledge the dedication of the many individuals who contribute their expertise and time to the ADB. Their collective efforts have created an enduring national resource that continues to evolve, including through important work to broaden the representation of First Nations histories and the diversity of the Australian experience.

As Australia's national university, ANU values initiatives that foster collaboration across the higher education sector and contribute to the nation's intellectual and cultural heritage. The Australian Dictionary of Biography remains an important example of such collaboration, and I wish the Board, staff and volunteer contributors every success as they continue this valuable work.

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