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### Mixing Art and Politics in the Centre

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Jane Aagaard will open an exhibition of artworks from the personal collection of the Member for Araluen Jodeen Carney tomorrow.

The *Ink on Paper* exhibition is being held at the Peta Appleyard Gallery ahead of the Central Australian Parliamentary Sittings next month.

"I was delighted when Jodeen asked me to open such an impressive collection of works in the lead up to the fourth regional Sittings," Mrs Aagaard said.

"I'm looking forward to giving the people of Alice Springs the opportunity to again see their local members at work. I'm also very pleased to be able to combine the exhibition with the Parliamentary visit.

"I thank Jodeen for her generosity in sharing these etchings and lithographs with the people of Alice Springs.

"The 34 works are just a small sample of her collection and the exhibition is certainly one all art lovers should see."

Ms Carney said many of the works were brought from interstate for the exhibition.

"My parents are art dealers, so I was brought up surrounded by great art, and developed a passion when I was very young," she said.

"The Peta Appleyard Gallery is relatively new and I liked what they were doing, so I approached them about showing some of my collection.

"It's a great opportunity for people to see a selection of etchings, lithographs and pastels from the country's best artists.

"It's also an opportunity for me to see some of the works that I haven't seen for some years.

"Works by Brett Whiteley, Jeffery Smart, Charles Blackman and Sid Nolan are among my many favourites".

The *Ink on Paper* exhibition is being sponsored by the Speaker and TIO, and will be open at the Peta Appleyard Gallery until November 6.

The Alice Springs Sittings will be held from November 24 – 26.