



Tony Bishop (Designer) and Michael Retter (Maker)

Marquetry ceiling panel in the Cabinet Room at Australia's Parliament House depicting various eucalypt species. 19 sections make up the artwork which is 6.5 m x 2 m in its entirety. The detailed images of the work shows bugs hidden amongst the leaves. (1985-1987)

When speaking about his decision to include bugs within the artwork Mr Bishop said, "I thought... what would it be like to be a pollie lolling back in his chair in his debugged Cabinet Room, looking at the ceiling, only to find that after all the effort there were still bugs there... it's a touch of Australian larrikinism, a touch of Oz informality" (*Weekend Australian*, April 16 1988, p. 5).

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