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Canberra's Extraordinary International Design Competition, 1911–12

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Image above: central section of 'View from Summit of Mt Ainslie', part of entry #29 submitted by Walter Burley Griffin (and Marion Mahony Griffin) in International design competition.

Image opposite: central section of 'City and Environs', part of entry #29.
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