

AUSTRALIAN FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

I am pleased to announce the appointment of the Australian Film Development Corporation which has been established to encourage the production and distribution of Australian films of high quality.

Five Australians have accepted the Government's invitation to make up the Corporation. They are:-

Mr. John Darling (Chairman)

Mr. Ronald S. Elliott

Mr. Talbot S. Duckmanton

Mr. Denys E. Brown

Mr. Barry O. Jones

I expect that each by virtue of his background and experience will make an important contribution to the Corporation and the conduct of its activities. None has pecuniary interests in the business of making, distributing or exhibiting films.

I hope that the appointment of the staff of the Corporation will be proceeded with as quickly as possible so that it will get underway with a minimum of delay.

The Corporation begins with an initial capital of one million dollars.

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BACKGROUND NOTES:

MR. J. DARLING :

Chairman, Darling and Co. Ltd. and Member, Australian National University Council.

MR. R. S. ELLIOTT

General Manager, Commonwealth Development Bank.

MR. T. S. DUCKMANTON

General Manager, Australian Broadcasting Commission.

MR. D. E. BROWN, M. B. E.

Producer-in-Chief, Film Division, Australian News and Information Bureau and Member, Australian National Film Board.

MR. B. O. JONES

Barrister and Solicitor, and Lecturer in History; Member, Australian Council for the Arts. A Governor of the Australian Film Institute.