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PRIME MINISTER

Press Statement No. 61

15 March 1973

PROTECTION COMMISSION SUBMISSIONS

The Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, said today that written submissions on the establishment of a Protection Commission for Australian primary and secondary industries would be received until 30 April.

Mr. Whitlam said that Sir John Crawford, in accepting the position of adviser on the establishment of the Commission, had said he did not wish his enquiry to be public but would welcome written submissions. The submissions should be forwarded to Sir John through the Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department.

Mr. Whitlam said the purpose in establishing the Commission was to extend the system of receiving advice publicly from an independent authority which was at present the basis of government policy decisions on assistance to and development of secondary industry, and the rural sector of the economy.

Mr. Whitlam said that Sir John had informed him that in conducting his enquiry he should have in mind the views of people who might be affected by any change in existing advisory arrangements.

Sir John would not be reporting on the criteria to be used by the Commission in arriving at its recommendations to the government. His report would be concerned with the functions, structure, membership and procedures of the Commission. Submissions should be limited to these matters Mr. Whitlam said.

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CORRECTION TO PRESS STATEMENT NO. 61

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PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE ORIGINAL PRESS STATEMENT READ AS FOLLOWS:-

"Mr. Whitlam said the purpose in establishing the Commission was to extend the system of receiving advice publicly from an independent authority which was at present the basis of government policy decisions on assistance to and development of secondary industry and the rural sector of the economy."

PARAGRAPH 3 SHOULD NOW READ:-

"Mr. Whitlam said the purpose in establishing the Commission was to extend the system of receiving advice publicly from an independent authority, which was at present the basis of Government policy decisions on assistance to and development of secondary industry, to the rural sector of the economy."

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