



PRIME MINISTER

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GREEN PAPER ON MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

The Prime Minister, Mr E.G. Whitlam, today announced that the Government had established a committee to advise it on appropriate policies for the development of manufacturing industry. The committee's report will be published as a Green Paper.

The Prime Minister said that the committee would be under the chairmanship of Mr Gordon Jackson, General Manager and Director, C.S.R. Limited. Other members would be:

Mr B.W. Brogan, Consultant, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Mr R.H. Carnegie, Chairman and Chief Executive, Conzinc Riotinto of Australia Ltd

Mr N.S. Currie, O.B.E., Secretary, Department of Manufacturing Industry

Mr R.J.L. Hawke, President, Australian Council of Trade Unions

Mr G.A. Rattigan, C.B.E., Chairman, Industries Assistance Commission and

Mr E.L. Wheelwright, DFC, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, the University of Sydney.

Mr Whitlam said that the terms of reference of the committee are:

To advise on appropriate policies for the development of manufacturing industry, including:

- (1) The machinery required for integrating such policies with the Government's general economic, social and regional policies;
- (2) The place of exports and imports in the development of manufacturing industry; and
- (3) The role of firms of overseas origin in manufacturing;

and to advise on communication between the Australian Government and the private sector and the State governments with respect to the development and implementation of such policies.

The committee will be able to draw upon the resources of the of the Australian Public Service in its work. The expected date by which the Green Paper should be available will be announced as soon as possible.

The Prime Minister said that the establishment of the committee was a clear indication of the Australian Government's wish that the Government and industry work together for the national good. The terms of reference were deliberately wide and he expected that interested organisations and persons would take the opportunity to make submissions to the committee. There would, of course, be further involvement of the community in the determination of policies in this area once the Green Paper was published.

Mr Whitlam said that this was the first time that a comprehensive public examination of policies for manufacturing industry had been undertaken in Australia. He expected that well founded policies would result which would set the pattern of Government/industry relations for years to come.

The Australian Government welcomed the opportunity which the Green Paper would provide for the community to assess the way in which Australia would progress in the future in this most important sector.

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