

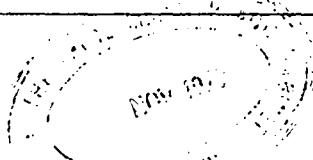


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ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INTER-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The Premier of Queensland today informed the Premiers' Conference that his Government had agreed to join the Advisory Council for Inter-Government Relations.

The Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, and the other Premiers welcomed Queensland's decision to become a member. "The Council has been incomplete without Queensland membership", Mr Fraser said.

The Advisory Council for Inter-Government Relations is an essential feature of the Federalism policy of the Commonwealth Government. The Advisory Council was established in 1976 with the object of improving inter-government co-operation. It receives references from the Premiers' Conference to keep under consideration and review issues for inter-government co-operation and to recommend ways and means for improving inter-government co-operation. To date the Advisory Council has been given two references. The first is to examine the relationships which ought to exist between the three spheres of government. The second is an examination of inter-changes of personnel between the three spheres of government. Preliminary reports on each reference have been published.

Members of the Council are currently engaged in conducting public meetings throughout Australia to discuss submissions on the relationship reference.

The Conference also agreed to a request from the Council for a 25% increase in its Budget from \$300,000 to \$375,000.

This increase in funding will ensure that the Council is able to maintain and improve its contribution to inter-government relations in Australia.