



PRIME MINISTER

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TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1981

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

The Governor-General in Council today approved the appointment of the Honourable R.J. Ellicott, Q.C., to the Federal Court of Australia.

In consequence, Mr. Ellicott has resigned his appointment as Minister for Home Affairs and Environment and his Excellency has sworn the Honourable M.J.R. MacKellar to that portfolio in addition to his present portfolio as Minister for Health.

Mr. Ellicott has submitted his resignation as a Member of the House of Representatives.

I pay tribute to Mr. Ellicott for his Parliamentary and Ministerial service. He has been a Member of the House of Representatives since 1974. He has served as Commonwealth Attorney-General, Minister for the Capital Territory, and, until now, as Minister for Home Affairs and Environment.

Mr. Ellicott brought to the service of the Government and the country great knowledge, understanding and drive. He has been a most valued colleague.

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