



## PRIME MINISTER

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### SIR CHARLES COURT

Sir Charles Court has been one of Australia's greatest Premiers. Through his vision, his drive and his determination, he has made an unparalleled contribution to the development and economic growth of Western Australia. Not only as Premier, but also in his earlier years as Minister for Industrial Development, he has been the driving force behind the kind of development which is now so closely associated with the name of Western Australia. His knowledge of the needs and requirements of Western Australia has been as unrivalled as his vision of Western Australia's potential, and he has always been the staunchest supporter of Western Australian interests and concerns. Sir Charles is a great Australian, a great Western Australian, and a great Liberal.

While Sir Charles is perhaps best-known around Australia for his vision of Western Australian development, he has combined this vision with an awareness and very real understanding of the problems and concerns of individual people. I have no doubt that his popularity and the warmth of people's esteem for him is also a product of the fact that he has remained readily accessible to people throughout his public life.

Sir Charles has been a member of the Western Australian Parliament for almost thirty years, and he has served as a Minister and as Premier for almost twenty of those years. It is hard to envisage Western Australia without Sir Charles at the helm, but I am sure that countless Australians will join me in wishing him well in his retirement from his position as Premier. I wish all good fortune to him and Lady Court.

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