



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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I today proposed to the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, Mr. Everingham, and the South Australian Premier, Mr. Bannon, that the independent economic inquiry into transport services in the Northern Territory should be conducted by the Chief Executive of the NSW Rail Authority, Mr. David Hill.

Mr. Hill, 37, is an economist. He was appointed to the Rail Authority in July 1980. Prior to that he was Commissioner of the NSW Public Transport Commission. From 1976-1978 Mr. Hill was economics adviser to the NSW Premier, Mr. Wran.

I have asked Mr. Everingham and Mr. Bannon for urgent confirmation of Mr. Hill's appointment and agreement to the proposed terms of reference.

I have proposed that Mr. Hill should report his findings by December 31, 1983.

Copies of the letters to Mr. Everingham and Mr. Bannon and the proposed terms of reference are available from the Press Office.