



PRIME MINISTER

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It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of Nelson Lemmon.

Mr Lemmon served in the House of Representatives as the Member for Forrest from 1943-49 and as the Member for St George from 1954-55. He was Minister for Works and Housing 1946-49 in the Chifley Government and was the last surviving Minister of that Government.

Mr Lemmon, as Minister for Works and Housing, played a major role in Australia's reconstruction after the War.

He supervised the start of the great Snowy Mountains hydro-electric scheme, and did so with due regard for environmental concerns.

In recognition of Mr Lemmon's distinguished contribution to Australia and as a mark of respect, the Government will accord him a State Funeral.

The service will be held at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Port Macquarie, New South Wales, on Thursday 23 March at 9.00 am, followed by a cremation at the Port Macquarie Crematorium.

As a further mark of respect, the Australian National Flag will be flown at half mast in New South Wales, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory tomorrow.