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CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE FOR NEW ZEALAND

Statement by the Prime Minister, Senator John Gorton

An exhibition of contemporary Australian sculpture is being sent to New Zealand to represent Australia at the Christchurch Pan-Pacific Festival commencing next March, and then to be shown in public art galleries in Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin.

The Commonwealth Art Advisory Board has arranged for the sculptures to be assembled in the Albert Hall, Canberra, and the final selection is being made by the Commonwealth Art Advisory Board today (18th). The exhibition will then be open to the public from tomorrow until 24th January.

The exhibition is the first comprehensive Australian sculpture to be sent overseas and also the first which has had an initial showing in Canberra. It will not be seen elsewhere in Australia.

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