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GREAT HALL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

The Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments have agreed to a grant of \$500,000 to be shared equally by them towards the cost of a Great Hall at the University of Newcastle.

It is understood that it is the University's intention to proceed immediately with the preparation of plans so that the construction of the Great Hall will be able to commence at the beginning of 1970.

I am pleased that the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments have been able to support this project, which has received very generous support of over \$500,000 from a public appeal.

The University proposes to incorporate in the Great Hall, facilities for general university use as well as for ceremonial and musical occasions which can be shared with the citizens of Newcastle who have so generously supported the appeal for funds.

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