

PRESS STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
PORT MORESBY, 9 AND 10 JULY 1970

(Joint Statement by the Ministers)



The Australian Transport Advisory Council considered a number of matters concerning railway transportation at their meeting in Port Moresby.

Among these was an improved procedure for making bookings for interstate railway journeys recommended by the Victorian Minister, Mr Wilcox.

Railway Commissioners have been requested to discuss these procedures with a view to the use of a computer system. Refunds for incompletd journeys was another matter that Commissioners are to look into.

They will also consider a proposal put forward by the Western Australian Transport Minister, Mr O'Connor, for a daylight service to operate through the Avon Valley in Western Australia. At present the interstate trains pass through the valley at night.

The Council concluded its meeting today, the first to be held in Papua and New Guinea.

Ministers expressed their appreciation of the opportunity to get an insight into the problems and achievements of this new emerging nation.

Ministers who attended the meeting chaired by the Commonwealth Minister for Shipping and Transport, the Hon. Ian Sinclair, were the Hon. M.A. Morris (NSW), the Hon. V.F. Wilcox (VIC), the Hon. W.E. Knox (QLD), the Hon. G.T. Virgo (SA), the Hon. R.J. O'Connor (WA) and the Hon. L.H. Bessell (TAS).