FOR PRESS:

PM No. 34/1971

MURRAY BY-ELECTION Comment by the Prime Minister, Mr. William McMahon

Voting in the Murray By-Election demonstrated strong support for the Government Parties. The Country Party and the Liberal Party secured about 63 percent of the total formal vote.

Congratulations to Mr. Bruce Lloyd on retaining the seat for the Country Party.

The Liberal Party candidate, Mr. Bill Hunter, did well in obtaining over 20 percent of the vote in the Liberals' first campaign in this traditional Country Party seat, held by Sir John McEwen for the past 22 years.

CANBERRA

21 March 1971