

## PRIME MINISTER

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## TASMANIAN FRUIT-PROCESSING INDUSTRY

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. William McMahon , CH, MP

The Prime Minister has received representations on the economic difficulties of the Tasmanian fruit processing industry from Dr. R.J. Solomon, MP and Senator J.E. Marriott, who had been in consultation with the Premier, Mr Bethune.

The Prime Minister said that he had noted the dependence of the Tasmanian fruit-processing industry on a limited range of crops, mainly apples. He stated that he would arrange for Commonwealth authorities to investigate and report to the Government on the matter.

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