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ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO NATIONAL URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. William
McMahon, A.C.H., M.P.

The Prime Minister, Mr McMahon, today announced that several eminent Australians had already indicated their willingness to become members of the Advisory Committee to the National Urban and Regional Development Authority.

The Act establishing the Authority requires the appointment of a committee of persons, who, by their knowledge and experience, can assist the Authority in the performance of its duties.

The Prime Minister said the objective was to establish a group with a wide background in community affairs reflecting business interests, local government experience, professional skills and an awareness of community problems.

The Commissioner of the Authority, Sir John Overall, would be Chairman of the committee of 12, the members of which would be appointed for three years, and would be drawn from all States and the A.C.T.

Those who have already indicated that they will join the Committee are:-

- . Mr B. J. Callinan, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Melbourne, Engineer and Planner. Senior partner with a firm of consulting engineers.
- . Dr I. D. Carr, Perth, Chief Planner of the Town Planning Board, Western Australia.
- . Mrs J. R. Flint, Dubbo, N.S.W. Alderman of Dubbo City Council and Member of the Council of the Mitchell College of Advanced Education, Bathurst.

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- . Professor P. H. Karmel, C.B.E., A.C.T., Chairman, Universities Commission.
- . Mr A. M. Ramsay, C.B.E., South Australia, General Manager, South Australian Housing Trust.
- . Professor P. Scott, Tasmania, Professor of Geography, University of Tasmania and Chairman, Australian Institute of Urban Studies.
- . Mr A. J. Smith, O.B.E., Queensland, Commissioner, A.B.C. and has mining directorates. He was Mayor, Townsville 1962-67.
- . Professor R. J. Walsh, O.B.E., Professor of Human Genetics, University of New South Wales. Professor Walsh is also Chairman of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on the Environment and a member of the Immigration Planning Committee.

Other people prominent in the field of urban and regional development have also been approached to join the Advisory Committee which is expected to meet about every six weeks.

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