



## PRIME MINISTER

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### PUBLIC ACCESS TO GARDEN ISLAND

Joint Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon.  
William McMahon, CH, MP.  
and the Premier of Western Australia,  
the Hon. J.T. Tonkin, M.L.A.

Agreement in principle has been reached between the Commonwealth and the Western Australian Governments on an outline of arrangements for public access to Garden Island after the Naval Facility is completed in 1975.

It will be recalled the Prime Minister announced in May that it was intended about 1800 acres and 10 miles of beaches on the Island would continue to be available to the public.

Agreement has also been reached in principle on the State Government's proposal to transfer the Explosives Depot from Woodman Point to a location adjacent to the Naval Armament Depot on Garden Island. This would free the area currently occupied by the State Depot at Woodman Point for inclusion in the State's plan for development of tourist facilities in that area.

The location of the State Explosive Depot on the Island will marginally reduce the area available for public access. However, apart from the restricted areas associated with the Armament and Explosives Depots, and the areas envisaged for the Naval facilities, it is intended that the remainder of the Island be made available for use by the public.

.... The respective areas are delineated on the attached map.

Transport to the Island will continue to be mainly by the present means of small craft on a daily basis only. Access to the beaches is the major public attraction. In the overall interests of preservation of the ecology and flora and fauna, access to the inland areas will be limited to designated walking trails.

The State plans to establish limited tourist facilities to the south of the historical area at Cliff Head and it is proposed that visits by approved tourist buses to this area be permitted. The possibility of the State erecting a tourist jetty near Cliff Head is also to be explored.

A detailed plan of management will now be drawn up for approval by the Commonwealth and State Governments subject to the resolution of certain financial and legal aspects.

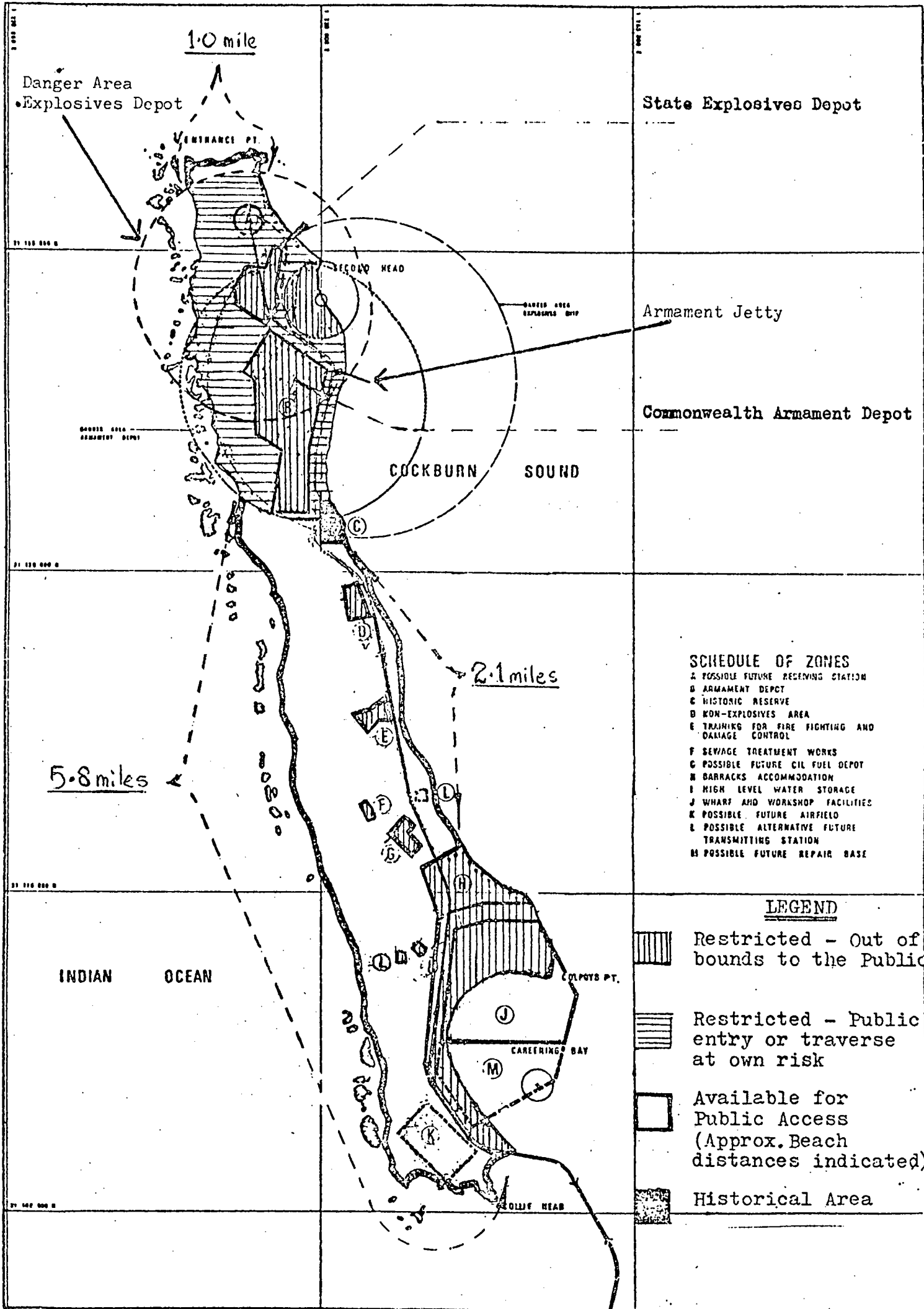
In concluding the arrangements for public access, special provisions will be necessary and will be incorporated for the protection of the flora and fauna and the sensitive ecology of the Island generally. Due recognition must be given to the security of the Naval facilities and possible future Naval expansion.

The Prime Minister and the Premier both expressed gratification that there is now every expectation that the arrangements worked out will, as well as meeting the defence needs of the Navy, also meet the interests of the people of Western Australia who wish to continue to enjoy the various attractions of this area.

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State Explosives Depot

Armament Jetty

Commonwealth Armament Depot

- SCHEDULE OF ZONES**
- A POSSIBLE FUTURE RECEIVING STATION
  - B ARMAMENT DEPOT
  - C HISTORIC RESERVE
  - D NON-EXPLOSIVES AREA
  - E TRAINING FOR FIRE FIGHTING AND DAMAGE CONTROL
  - F SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS
  - G POSSIBLE FUTURE OIL FUEL DEPOT
  - H BARRACKS ACCOMMODATION
  - I HIGH LEVEL WATER STORAGE
  - J WHARF AND WORKSHOP FACILITIES
  - K POSSIBLE FUTURE AIRFIELD
  - L POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE FUTURE TRANSMITTING STATION
  - M POSSIBLE FUTURE REPAIR BASE

**LEGEND**

-  Restricted - Out of bounds to the Public
-  Restricted - Public entry or traverse at own risk
-  Available for Public Access (Approx. Beach distances indicated)
-  Historical Area

