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# PRIME MINISTER

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## MOVEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT STAFF TO ALBURY-WODONGA

The Prime Minister announced today that the Public Service Board would establish a Joint Consultative Committee on the movement of Australian Public Service staff to Albury-Wodonga. The Joint Consultative Committee would bring together representatives of staff organisations, departments and the Public Service Board to advise the Board on matters such as the detailed arrangement of a transfer program of Australian Public Service staff to Albury-Wodonga, conditions of employment for staff affected by the transfers and the sort of amenities and community facilities that Australian Public Service staff would like to see developed in Albury-Wodonga.

He said that the Chairman of the Public Service Board had written to all Australian Public Service staff to inform them of the consultative procedures that would be introduced and of progress on the studies that were being made with respect to the movement of Australian Public Service staff to Albury-Wodonga.

The acceptance by Australian Public Service staff of Albury-Wodonga as an attractive place to live and work was a key element in the success of Government plans for Albury-Wodonga, he said. The Government believed that the adoption of consultative procedures as outlined by the Public Service Board would be the best way to achieve this acceptance.

The Joint Consultative Committee is to be established once the Government has made the broad policy decision on which Australian Public Service departments are to be involved in transfers to Albury-Wodonga.

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