



PRIME MINISTER

F.M. RADIO INQUIRY

The Government decided that a public inquiry be undertaken into the technical and socio-economic implications of establishing FM radio broadcasting in the VHF and/or UHF bands in Australia, having regard for both the Government's desire to see FM broadcasting introduced as quickly as possible, and its concern to avoid the planning mistakes of the past. The inquiry is to concern itself with the costs to the public of future services and to take account of the Government's policy to encourage plurality of involvement in the media.

In reaching this decision the Cabinet took note of the interim report of the Senate Standing Committee on Education, Science and the Arts, which included a recommendation that a new inquiry into FM broadcasting be made.

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