



PRIME MINISTER

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APPOINTMENT OF SIR JOHN CRAWFORD TO INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, announced today that Sir John Crawford had been appointed an Associate of the Industries Assistance Commission, and will preside at the Commission's inquiries into rural reconstruction and the dairy industry.

Mr Whitlam expressed appreciation for this further service to the community by an outstanding public servant whose dedication and objectivity have enabled him to advise successive Australian Governments, whatever their political persuasion.

Mr Whitlam also said that the appointment of Sir John, a man with very considerable insight and experience in rural industry matters, demonstrates in a practical way the benefits which flow from the flexible structure of the Commission. This flexibility makes it possible to appoint men of eminence, or with special insights, for the Commission's inquiries - which is especially important in cases where their other commitments prevent them from accepting a permanent appointment with the Commission. The Prime Minister said that this method of appointment would be of considerable use in involving men of the highest calibre from the business world in the work of the Commission.

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