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**PRIME MINISTER**

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STUDY ON SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES AT COCKBURN SOUND, W.A.

(Joint Statement by the Prime Minister, the Hon. E.G. Whitlam Q.C., M.P., and the Premier of Western Australia, the Hon. Sir Charles Court, M.L.A.)

In a joint statement released today the Prime Minister and the Premier of Western Australia announced that Maunsell and Partners Pty Ltd of Perth, in association with Y-ARD (Aust) Pty Ltd of Canberra, had been commissioned to undertake a study of ship repair requirements on the West Australian coast.

Maunsell and Y-ARD will report on the economic and engineering feasibility of long term, staged development of commercial ship repair facilities in Western Australia.

The report will also examine the feasibility of joint planning for the development of these facilities along with Navy's long term proposals for a naval ship repair capability at HMAS STIRLING, Garden Island, W.A.

The study is to be completed in about four months and will cost about \$30,000. This cost will be shared equally by both Governments.

The study will be managed jointly by representatives of both Governments.

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