



PRIME MINISTER

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THE MINISTRY

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, this afternoon announced changes in the Ministry following the election of Mr P. J. Keating, M.P.

The Prime Minister said that the Governor-General had appointed P.J. Keating as Minister for Northern Australia and the former Minister for Northern Australia, Dr Rex Patterson, M.P., as Minister for Agriculture.

In his new portfolio, Dr Patterson will continue to be responsible for the Government's activities in relation to the production and marketing of sugar. The Prime Minister said that he proposes to recommend to the Executive Council that those functions will be transferred from the Department of Northern Australia to the Department of Agriculture.

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