



PRIME MINISTER

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AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Dr J.A.L. Matheson, Chairman of the Interim Council has been asked to form a small group to advise me on the role of a continuing Science and Technology Council, its terms of reference and all other matters concerning its operation.

The other members of the Advisory Group will be -

- . Professor G.M. Badger, A.O., Vice-Chancellor, The University of Adelaide.
- . Professor Sir Rutherford Robertson, C.M.G., Director, The Research School of Biological Sciences, Australian National University.
- . Professor R. Street, Director, Research School of Physical Sciences, Institute of Advanced Studies, Australian National University.
- . Sir Colin Syme, President of Walter and Eliza Hall, Institute of Medical Research.

It is of high importance that the Government has available to it independent advice on matters of broad policy in the fields of science and technology drawing on persons of eminence and experience in the scientific community, industry and commerce.