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PRIME MINISTER

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MARITIME COLLEGE SITE CHOSEN

The Prime Minister announced today that the main site of the Australian Maritime College will be at Newnham, adjacent to the Launceston campus of the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education.

Mr. Fraser said that the Maritime College's Interim Council had resolved, at its recent first meeting, to recommend this site. The Government had agreed with the choice which came as the culmination of substantial investigation by the Commonwealth, over a period of time, of a number of possible sites.

The Prime Minister said he had already obtained an assurance from the Premier of Tasmania that, in the event of this site being chosen, it would be presented as a gift to the Commonwealth by the Tasmanian Government.

The Interim Council would now proceed with its planning of the development of the site and of other necessary steps towards the establishment of the College.