



PRIME MINISTER

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THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

Dr. Donald McMichael is to be the first Secretary to the Department of Home Affairs.

Dr. McMichael is Director of Environment in the Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development, and acting Chairman of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. He had been Secretary of the Department of Environment and Conservation from its creation in February 1973, and subsequently of the Department of Environment until its abolition in December 1975. Before that he had been Director of National Parks and Wildlife in NSW following some years of association with the Australian Museum.

Dr. McMichael, who is 46 years of age, has a Doctorate in Biology from Harvard University.

The important position of Director of the Environment, being vacated by Dr. McMichael is to be advertised extensively throughout Australia, both inside and outside the Public Service.
