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Joint Statement by the Prime Minister and the Victorian Premier

NORTH-WEST ONE-STOP WELFARE (NOW) CENTRE - COBURG

The Prime Minister and the Victorian Premier have announced that the NOW Centre, an experimental welfare centre established by the Royal Commission on Australian Government Administration, will continue for a further period till June 1979. In addition, the Centre will expand its present space to include a ground floor area which will enable the provision of a complete range of services to the community as originally envisaged by RCAGA when it set up the experiment.

The experiment will be evaluated during this extended period to assess the Centre's effect on access to government services and identification of local needs. Whereas the services at present provided from the Centre will continue to be provided in Coburg in the longer term, a decision on the Centre itself will depend on the results of this final evaluation.

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