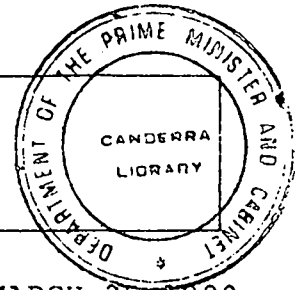


**PRIME MINISTER**FOR MEDIATUESDAY, MARCH 25 1980NORTHERN TERRITORY ADMINISTRATORTO CONTINUE FOR A FURTHER PERIOD

The Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser, and the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, Mr Paul Everingham, announced today that Mr J.A. England, C.M.G., C.St.J., E.D., would continue as Administrator of the Northern Territory until 31 December, 1980.

Under previous arrangements, Mr England's term of office was to end on 31 May, 1980, but he has now agreed to remain for the extra period.

Mr England, who had been appointed on 1 June 1976, has made an important contribution to the government of the Territory in a historic transitional period during which the Territory attained self-government.

Mr Fraser and Mr Everingham said that both the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments were pleased that he had agreed to continue as Administrator for the extra period.