



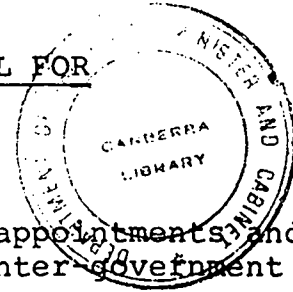
PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR

INTER-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



The Prime Minister today announced eight re-appointments and one appointment to the Advisory Council of Inter-government Relations.

The Advisory Council which was established in 1976 with the object of improving inter-government relations and co-operation is an essential feature of the Commonwealth Government's Federalism Policy. The 22 member Council has members representing Commonwealth, State, local government and the community.

The Hon. I.G. Medcalf, Attorney-General, Minister for Federal Affairs and Leader of the Government in the Western Australian Legislative Council and the Hon. Kathleen Venn are re-appointed on the nomination of the Premiers of Western Australia and Tasmania respectively.

The Australian Council of Local Government Associations has re-nominated Warden F.L. Britton of Tasmania, Councillor F.A. Roger of Queensland and Councillor William Thwaites of Victoria.

The three citizen members re-nominated after consultation with the State Premiers include Mrs Patricia Bernard (New South Wales), the Hon. Peter Howson (Victoria), and Mr H.E. Peterson (Queensland).

The Hon. Justice Kemerl Murray was appointed as a citizen member following consultation with the Government of South Australia.

The contribution of those members appointed for a second term has been appreciated by the Commonwealth, State and local governments and their further contribution to the activities of the Council is welcomed.