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COOLANGATTA'S NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL
TO BE NAMED AFTER LATE ERIC ROBINSON

(Joint statement by the Prime Minister and Minister for Transport)

The new terminal now under construction at Coolangatta Airport will be named the Eric Robinson Terminal.

The Government believes this will provide a fitting tribute to the late Eric Robinson, who was Member for McPherson from 1972 until his sudden and untimely death last month.

Mr. Robinson served the electorate of McPherson with dedication and distinction, and the naming of the terminal building after him will help commemorate him and his work in an appropriate way.

The new terminal will of course serve two important areas - the electorate of McPherson and the electorate of Richmond, represented by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Anthony.

The Coolangatta Airport is in fact situated in both electorates.

Both Mr. Anthony and Mr. Robinson worked hard for the redevelopment of the airport and the new terminal so that the Tweed/Gold Coast region would have adequate facilities to sustain and accompany its growth.

Mr. Anthony's father, the late H.L. Anthony, as Member for Richmond and Minister for Civil Aviation, played a very important part in the original development of the airport.

The first sod was turned jointly by Mr. Anthony and Mr. Robinson when work commenced on the new terminal building.

We think it appropriate, therefore, that Mr. Anthony should officially open the Eric Robinson Terminal on its completion, and we will be inviting him to do so.