

## PRIME MINISTER

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EXTENSION OF REPORTING DATE OF ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE MEAT INDUSTRY

The Commonwealth, Victorian and Northern Territory Governments have agreed to extend the reporting date of the Meat Industry Royal Commission by three weeks to 22 September 1982.

The extension is in response to a request by the Honourable Mr Justice Woodward OBE for an extension for a maximum period of three weeks in which to complete his report.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into certain aspects of the Meat Industry was set up by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments in September 1981.

In November 1981, the Royal Commission was authorised to inquire into and report separately on the handling of meat for human consumption in the Northern Territory.

The terms of reference for the Royal Commission remain unchanged.