



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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RESIGNATION OF LINDSAY THOMPSON

Lindsay Thompson has given long and dedicated service to the Liberal Party and to the people of Victoria. He first entered the Victorian Parliament in 1955 and represented the Higinbotham Province and later the Monash Province in the Legislative Council until 1970. He was the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Assembly between 1962-70. He then transferred to the Legislative Assembly, successively re-elected as the Member for Malvern. He successively held the Ministries of Aboriginal Welfare, of Housing and Forests, and of Education, and he became Treasurer and Minister for Police and Emergency Services in 1979.

He became Premier of Victoria at a difficult time in June 1981, and in the short time until the 1982 Victorian election he led the Government and his Party with strength and courage, but in spite of his own valiant efforts he did not have time to turn it around.

Lindsay Thompson will be remembered for the quiet dignity and effectiveness with which he discharged his responsibilities, and for the high standards of integrity and courage which he brought to public office.

I would like to thank Lindsay Thompson, and his wife Joan, for everything they have done for the Liberal Party and in serving the people of Victoria. I wish them both every happiness during their retirement.