



## PRIME MINISTER

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The terms of all non-Commonwealth members of the Economic Planning and Advisory Council have now expired and I today announce the membership of the new Council.

Consistent with the rotational arrangements provided in the EPAC Act, Premiers Unsworth, Bannon and Gray have now been appointed for a two year term. These replace Premiers Cain and Burke and Chief Minister Hatton.

The EPAC Act requires that non-Government members be appointed following consultations with certain industry and community groups.

I am pleased that a number of members of the previous Council have been renominated by the relevant organisations and have agreed to accept reappointment, providing an invaluable element of continuity to the Council's work.

These are:

- . Messrs Crean, Kelty and MacBean and Mrs Marsh (appointed after consultation with the ACTU);
- . Mr B Kelman (business organisations);
- . Mr F Davidson (rural industry);
- . Ms L Cutts (The Council of Local Government Associations); and
- . Mr J Disney (welfare organisations).

The new non-Government members are:

- . Mr W.J. Bailey (Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, ANZ Bank);
- . Mr A.R. Jackson (Managing Director, BTR Nylex Limited);
- . Mr H. Rose (Management Consultant, Horwath and Horwath Service Pty); and
- . Ms P. Smith (Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Australian Consumers' Association)

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Messrs Bailey and Jackson were appointed after consultation with business groups, while Mr Rose and Ms Smith were appointed after consultation with representatives of small business and consumer/community organisations respectively. They, in turn, replace Messrs Coates, Hughes and Gibbons and Dr Braithwaite.

The non-Government members have been appointed to four-year terms.

As in the past the Commonwealth will be represented by myself, the Treasurer, Paul Keating and the Minister for Industrial Relations, Ralph Willis.

I take this opportunity to thank all of the retiring members for the valuable contribution which they have made to the work of EPAC over their terms of appointment.

The Economic Planning Advisory Council was established in 1983 to continue the process of consultation and information exchange started at the National Economic Summit Conference. It has proved to be an important forum for consultation and debate on issues vital to Australia's economic performance in the medium and longer term. Although the Government has consulted a number of groups in deciding the membership of the Council, members are appointed in their personal capacity and for their ability contribute to the work of the Council.

The new members bring a range of experience and talents to the Council and are to be congratulated for their willingness to serve the community in this way. I look forward to the next meeting of EPAC which will be held in Canberra on 6 November 1987.

## NEW NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBERS OF EPAC

Mr Bailey is Group Managing Director and Chief Executive of the ANZ Banking Group Limited. Mr Bailey has long experience in banking, both domestic and international.

Mr Jackson will bring to the Council a wide knowledge of business gained through a lengthy and successful business career. He is currently Managing Director of BTR Nylex Limited and was named the Australian Businessman of the Year by Business Review Weekly.

Mr Rose has extensive experience in small business, especially in the tourism and hospitality industry. Among others, he is currently Chairman of the Motor Inn and Motel Association of Australia, Chairman of the National Tourism Industry Training Committee and a member of the Federal Tourism Advisory Council.

Ms Smith has held the position of Manager for Policy and Public Affairs with the Australian Consumers' Association since May 1985. Her experience in consumer matters includes membership of the National Advisory Council on Consumer Affairs. Ms Smith was a member of the Advisory Committee on Trade and Economics to the Constitution Commission in 1986.