



PRIME MINISTER

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING, MP JUSTICE WOOD EXPOSES JOHN FAHEY

The interim report of the by Mr Justice James Wood, the Police Royal Commissioner in New South Wales, provides ample reason why John Fahey, the former Premier of New South Wales, should not be elected to the House of Representatives.

As Premier, John Fahey did everything possible to prevent the Royal Commission from being established. When the former independent MP in New South Wales, John Hatton, proposed it, John Fahey's line was that the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), was the best equipped body to deal with corrupt police.

As yesterday's Sydney Morning Herald reports, Mr Fahey told the New South Wales Parliament in May 1994 that the Police Service should be allowed to get on with the job. He said that it was "not in the best interests of this State" to suggest that endemic corruption existed in the New South Wales police force.

Mr Justice Wood's interim report proves precisely the opposite - endemic corruption does exist in the New South Wales police and ICAC has failed to prevent it.

John Fahey's successor as leader of the Coalition in New South Wales, Peter Collins, has endorsed the Royal Commissioner's interim findings.

John Fahey is a failed Premier of New South Wales.* The Liberal Party is doing no favours to the people of Macarthur by seeking to send this failure to Canberra.

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