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PRIME MINISTER**MAJOR PROJECTS FACILITATOR**

I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Mr Bob Mansfield as Major Projects Facilitator in my office.

Mr Mansfield's role will be to ensure that speedy approvals are given to major nation-building investment proposals which conform with Government policy.

He will serve as a part-time consultant attached to my office on the basis of established conditions which have applied to part time consultants employed by previous Prime Ministers.

It is anticipated that Mr Mansfield will devote on average 2 - 3 days per week to his new task. His appointment will be for an initial period of 12 months with scope for extension.

Mr Mansfield will enter into early discussions with me on key projects where I believe he can bring his commercial knowledge and experience to bear. Arrangements are being made for Mr Mansfield to hold discussions with relevant Commonwealth Ministers at an early date.

I am delighted that a businessman of his proven experience and status has agreed to perform this important new role and I am confident he will approach it with great skill and energy.

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