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COLLECTIVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

CABINET MEETING

Held at Cabinet Room, BRISBANE, on the TWENTY-THIRD day of OCTOBER, 1989

The following Ministers were in attendance: Messrs. Cooper, Gunn, Gibbs, Lester, Harper, Katter, Neal, Clauson, Borbidge, Randell (until 1.00 p.m.), Littleproud, FitzGerald and Fraser, Mrs. Chapman, Messrs. Stoneman, Alison and Henderson and Mrs. Nelson (until 1.05 p.m.).

The Meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m.

Collective Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 16th October, 1989 were taken as read and confirmed.

Cabinet had before it - Minutes for Executive Council; Business pending from previous Meeting; Submissions Nos. 52000 to 52063; Oral Submissions as detailed hereunder.

The Honourable the Premier and Treasurer and Minister for State Development informed Minsters that he intended to see His Excellency the Governor today and would announce the date of the election. The Honourable the Premier and Treasurer and Minister for State Development reminded Ministers that, when Parliament was dissolved prior to the election, the Government should be regarded as a "Caretaker" Government and this would impose restrictions on the making of Decisions.

The Honourable the Premier and Treasurer and Minister for State Development requested Ministers to instruct their Chief Executives not to participate in briefings, should these be requested by the Leaders of the non-Government political parties, prior to the Election.

It was agreed that proposals for creation of Executive Secretarial positions or increases of classification for such positions should be the subject of a Submission to Cabinet.

The Honourable the Minister for Police and Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Affairs reported that the Federal Court had ruled that hearings of the Inquiry into the activities of certain Unions should be held in private and that no report could be produced. The Minister indicated that an application would be made to the Full Court to overturn the ruling.

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The Honourable the Minister for Health suggested that a committee comprised of the Honourable the Premier and Treasurer and Minister for State Development, the Honourable the Minister for Land Management and the Honourable the Attorney-General and Minister for Heritage and the Arts should attempt to urgently finalise the Ministerial Guidelines handbook.

The Honourable the Minister for Land Management reported on opposition in rural areas to the recent Mineral Resources Bill with the main concern being expressed by owners of freehold property. It was suggested that the Honourable the Minister for Mines and Energy and Minister for Northern and Regional Development should conduct a vigorous campaign to explain advantages contained in the legislation.

The Honourable the Minister for Family Services indicated that an investigation was to be conducted into the operations of the John Oxley Youth Centre.

A discussion took place on the proposals for production of ethanol and its inclusion in motor vehicle fuel and it was agreed that the matter should continue to be the subject of Submissions to Cabinet.

It was agreed that the provision of entitlements to former Premiers should be given consideration by the Honourable the Premier and Treasurer and Minister for State Development.

The Honourable the Minister for Justice and Minister for Corrective Services indicated that serious consideration was being given to the undertaking of community service by fine defaulters as an alternative to prison sentences.

The Honourable the Minister for Justice and Minister for Corrective Services indicated that steps were being taken towards having Corrective Services officers staff watch houses instead of Police Officers.

Cabinet decided further as follows:-

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Conclusion:

The Meeting concluded at 1.15 p.m.

Confirmed:

Premier 30.10.89

Secretary to Cabinet 30.10.89