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BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO THE MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the twenty-seventh day of April, 1977.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

Mr. Scanlan

Mr. Granter.

Mr. Jona

Whereas it is deemed expedient that a Board of Inquiry be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon matters contained in the under-mentioned terms of reference concerning the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said State, doth by this Order constitute and appoint Sir Charles Roger Darvall, C.B.E., F.A.S.A., as Chairman, and George Samuel, Esq., A.A.S.A., as Member, to be a Board for the purpose of inquiring into, reporting upon and making recommendations on the operation of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and in particular and without affecting the generality of the foregoing on the questions:

- (1) Whether the Board should continue to perform all or any and which of its functions.
- (2) Whether the constitution of the Board under the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1958* is inappropriate in any and what respects, having regard to the functions of the Board.
- (3) Whether the Board should be reconstituted in any and what way and with any and what functions.
- (4) Whether having regard to its powers, duties and functions, any and, if so, what changes should be made to the administrative structure of the Board.

- (5) Whether any and, if so, what changes are necessary or desirable in the manner in which the Board finances its functions having regard, in particular, to—

- (a) the raising and repayment of loans and the setting aside of amounts for interest, redemption and depreciation;
- (b) the method of preparation of annual revenue estimates;
- (c) the levying of rates based upon the net annual value of property;
- (d) the use of moneys provided by way of—
 - (i) area contributions on new subdivisions of land,
 - (ii) the compulsory servicing of land in new subdivisions,
 - (iii) the national sewerage program by the Federal Government, and
 - (iv) contribution to capital works from rate revenue, to finance capital works.

And it is hereby directed that the said Sir Charles Roger Darvall and George Samuel shall, with as little delay as possible and by 31st December, 1977, at the latest, report under their hand their opinion resulting from this inquiry:

Whereof the said Sir Charles Roger Darvall and George Samuel and all other persons whom it may concern are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

And the Honorable Vance Oakley Dickie, Her Majesty's Chief Secretary for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

TOM FORRISTAL,
Clerk of the Executive Council.
