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BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO HOUSING COMMISSION LAND PURCHASES

At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the
ninth day of August, 1977

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria
Mr. Balfour | Mr. Jona
Mr. Haddon Storey

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 land purchases by the Housing Commission.

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 Gregory Gowans, Q.C., former Judge of the Supreme Court to be a Board for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon:

1. All aspects of and matters arising from the land purchases by the Housing Commission at Pakenham, Sunbury and Melton in the years 1973 and 1974, and the proposed development of the land so purchased, and in particular to report in each case:

- (a) whether any person was guilty of any impropriety, breach of law or duty, negligence or act of dishonesty in relation thereto;
- (b) whether any person gave or gained improper advantage or improperly disclosed or misused confidential information;
- (c) whether the valuation, or valuations, preceding the purchase was or were properly made and based;
- (d) whether the price paid was fair and reasonable.

2. Whether the procedures and methods employed and the practices observed in relation to the purchase of land by the Housing Commission are adequate or whether any and what new procedures, methods and practices should be introduced and adopted in relation thereto.

And it is hereby directed that the said Sir Gregory Gowans shall, with as little delay as possible and by 30th November 1977 at the latest, report under his hand his opinion resulting from this inquiry:

Whereof the said Sir Gregory Gowans and all other persons whom it may concern are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

And the Honorable Haddon Storey, Her Majesty's Attorney-General for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

L. G. HOUSTON,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council

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