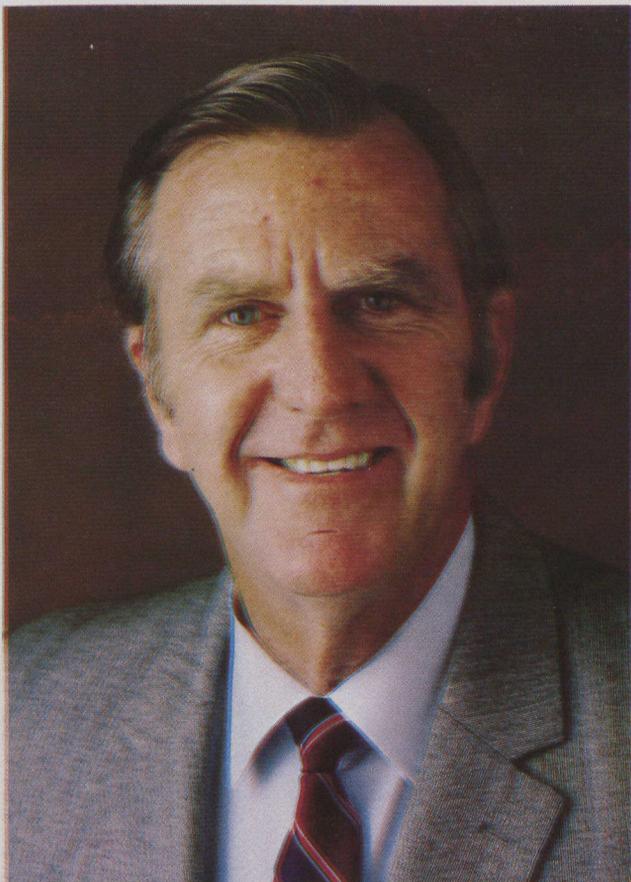


## MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER



*The Honourable Raymond James O'Connor M.L.A. Premier of Western Australia, Treasurer and Minister Co-ordinating Economic and Regional Development.*

On behalf of the Government and people of Western Australia I welcome the opening of the Canadian Consulate-General in Perth.

It is an important step which will greatly strengthen the growing bonds between Canada and Western Australia.

Apart from the many close links between Australia and Canada, ranging from our British heritage to wartime comradeship, there are special bonds that have developed in recent years between Canada and Western Australia.

The development of agriculture, mining, and energy resources in both places has proceeded on almost parallel lines and has resulted in many exchanges at business and Government levels. In particular, the Government of this State has appreciated the courtesy and the help given to a number of Ministers who have visited Canada to study private enterprise and Government involvement in development.

The current stage of development in Western Australia has opened up many opportunities for Canadian businessmen to supply us with technology. I am pleased to say the prevailing view of Canadian businessmen has been opposed to quick sales and in favour of establishing industry here either alone or in joint ventures so that we will get the long term benefit of an expanded industrial base. It is an attitude we appreciate.

The opening of the Consulate-General will assist in industrial and personal exchanges between us. I can assure the Consul-General and his staff of a warm welcome to Western Australia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. O'Connor". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Premier of Western Australia

