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## TRADE MISSION TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A Speech by the Honourable E.C. Lumley, Minister of State for Trade, to Australian and Canadian Businessmen, Perth, Australia, May 19, 1980.

...Obviously there is something which binds Canadians and Australians — something which I fear we have always just taken for granted. We have to spend more time and effort in nurturing, developing and expanding this wonderful relationship....

My only regret is that our time here is so short that we can only catch a fleeting glance of this most beautiful of cities with its delightful setting and climate. I would have liked to have spent several days at the sites of some of your major development projects so as to see for myself the sources of the economic boom which is bound to propel this state into great economic activity.

In any event we will be back. Our businessmen will be following-up on the many contacts they have made and I shall be returning, I am sure, to examine more closely how we in Canada can participate in each of your great resource developments — and great they are!

- Already Western Australia is one of the world's largest suppliers of iron ore — your Premier gave us all the figures. No matter how you look at it, production or exports, you have made your mark in the world;
- your bauxite production has been significant to the Canadian aluminum industry;
- you are important in nickel and there has been close co-operation between our major nickel producers to the mutual benefit of both our countries;
- and then there is the oil and gas which is bound to change the face of your north west;
- add to these your fisheries and agriculture and you have one of the greatest futures in this resource-hungry world.

During my regrettably short stay in Perth, I have already been captured by the enthusiasm of your political and business leaders regarding future developments in the state. The Northwest Shelf LNG development ranks among the largest projects currently being undertaken anywhere in the world. We hope that Canadian technology and Canadian companies will play a role in this and future energy developments here.

As many of you know, my Department recently held a Canadian oil and gas technology symposium in Perth to acquaint you with the latest developments in this industry in Canada and to provide an opportunity for Australians and Canadians in

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