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## BRITISH COLUMBIA JOINS CANADA PAVILION AT EXPO 88

The Honourable Pat Carney, federal Minister for International Trade, and the Honourable Elwood Veitch, B.C. Provincial Secretary, today jointly announced that British Columbia will have a strong presence within the Canada Pavilion at EXPO 88, in Brisbane, Australia.

Miss Carney welcomed the province's decision to produce a B.C. Futures Theatre promoting West Coast leisure and tourism opportunities at the world exposition, which runs from April 30 to October 30. The EXPO 88 theme is "Leisure in the Age of Technology".

"Australia played a significant role in Vancouver at EXPO 86. Next year is our chance to reciprocate." said Carney. "The Canada Pavilion will be one of the most impressive in Brisbane. There will be theatres, a fitness arcade, exhibits and state-of-the-art special effects to show Australians how Canadians spend their leisure time."

Mr. Veitch announced he will chair a three-member Cabinet Committee to oversee B.C.'s participation, which will be financed by the B.C. Lottery Fund.

"The Honourable Bill Reid, Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Culture, is co-ordinating the development of an automated, multi-media theatre promoting tourism and leisure opportunities in British Columbia. The Honourable Grace McCarthy, Minister of Economic Development, will seek business opportunities which may arise from the fair and may organize a delegation of business and professional people during the exposition," said Veitch.

Miss Carney stated that the Canada Pavilion and the British Columbia theatre within it will provide an integrated message to Australians.

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