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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, THE HON. D.A. DUNSTAN, G.C., M.P., IN  
OPENING THE BRISTON-SMITH RESERVE AND SOUTH LAKES HOTEL, ON  
BRISBANK, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1957.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

FROM THE OUTSET, MAY I SAY HOW PLEASED I AM TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE BRISTON-SMITH RESERVE AND THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL, BOTH OF WHICH ARE IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE OUTSTANDING DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN THIS SOUTH LAKES AREA SITUATED AT SUCH AN IDEAL DISTANCE FROM ADELAIDE.

IT IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT, I BELIEVE, THAT THIS EXCITING DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE TAKING PLACE AT GOOLWA WHICH YOU ARE DOUBTLESS ALL AWARE HAS AN IMPORTANT PLACE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S HISTORY. INDEED, GOOLWA WAS ONE OF THE EARLIEST SETTLEMENTS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AND AT ONE STAGE EARLY IN THE HISTORY OF THE COLONY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, GOOLWA WAS NOTED AS THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THE CAPITAL. SUBSEQUENTLY, GOOLWA HAS ALWAYS BEEN A POPULAR AREA FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIANS BECAUSE OF ITS RICH HISTORY AS WELL AS

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FOR ITS BEAUTY. NOW, AFTER MORE THAN A CENTURY, IT WOULD SEEM THAT GOOLWA IS TO ASSUME A NEW SIGNIFICANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH LAKES AREA. IT WAS ON JULY 13TH THAT THE FRONT PAGE OF "THE NEWS" CARRIED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANS TO MAKE SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S SOUTH COAST A RIVIERA-TYPE HOLIDAY PLAYGROUND.

TODAY, JUST FOUR MONTHS LATER, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA HAS PROVIDED THIS EXCELLENT RESERVE WHICH WAS ONCE JUST A LAKE AND REEDS, A MODERN 20-APARTMENT HOTEL, A BOAT MARINA, A MARINE CENTRE AND WORKSHOP, A 50-PASSENGER MOTOR LAUNCH, 41 MORE HOUSES BUILT AT A VALUE WELL IN EXCESS OF A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS, AND AN AIRSTRIP FOR SMALL AIRCRAFT.

FURTHERMORE, FUTURE PLANS PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONFERENCE CENTRE ADJACENT TO THE HOTEL FOR HIRE TO BUSINESS LEADERS, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, AND A FURTHER TOP-CLASS HOTEL AND RESTAURANT COMPLEX AT THE LAKE FRONT.

NATURALLY THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY, AS PREMIER, I SHOULD BE SO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT. FIRST OF ALL, IT HAS ALREADY PROVIDED AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT BOOST TO THE BUILDING INDUSTRY IN THIS STATE. THE FIRM RESPONSIBLE FOR IT - THE REALTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - IS A SUBSIDIARY OF THE SYDNEY-BASED REALTY DEVELOPMENT MORTGAGE COMPANY. ACCORDINGLY WE VIEW THE SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS OF THIS REALTY GROUP IN THIS PROJECT AS A DISPLAY OF THE GROUP'S CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF OUR STATE. SECONDLY, THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE A TREMENDOUS FILLIP TO TOURISM TO AND WITHIN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MY COLLEAGUE, THE MINISTER OF TOURISM, MR. CORCORAN, HAS ALREADY DONE MUCH TO HAVE TOURISM TREATED AS A MAJOR INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AND THIS PROJECT WILL GREATLY ASSIST HIM IN HIS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A GREATER SHARE OF THE TOURIST DOLLAR FOR THIS STATE.

IT IS ALSO GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE TOURIST BUREAU, ALONG WITH THE LOCAL COUNCIL, HAS CONTRIBUTED GENEROUSLY TO THIS FORESHORE DEVELOPMENT.

THE RESERVE WHICH I AM TO OFFICIALLY OPEN TODAY, HAS BEEN NAMED APPROPRIATELY AFTER MR. REG BRISTON-SMITH, WHO, UNFORTUNATELY, THROUGH ILLNESS IS UNABLE TO BE WITH US TODAY, - I UNDERSTAND THAT HIS WIFE AND SON ARE PRESENT - FOR HE IS A MAN WHO HAS GIVEN 28 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS PUBLIC SERVICE TO THIS AREA. REG BRISTON-SMITH JOINED THE FORT ELLIOTT DISTRICT COUNCIL IN 1939 AND HAS BEEN DISTRICT CLERK SINCE THEN. HE HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA. AMONGST OTHER THINGS, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ASSISTING TO GET ELECTRICITY FOR COOLWA AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN ENSURING THE PROPER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA. I THINK IT RIGHT THAT REG BRISTON-SMITH SHOULD BE HONOURED BY THIS RESERVE CARRYING HIS NAME.

MR. CHAIRMAN, IT IS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE THAT  
I DECLARE THE BRISTOW-SMITH RESERVE AND SOUTH LAKES MOTEL  
OFFICIALLY OPEN.

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