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PRESS STATEMENT. 6TH JULY, 1967.

PREMIER WARNS PUBLIC ON COAT HANGER MACHINE.

The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, today warned members of the public who were considering the purchase of "machines" for making wire coat-hangers by hand from Rowell & Company of Brisbane.

Mr. Dunstan said that he had had several complaints from people who had contracted to purchase these machines at a price of \$48. Investigations had revealed that the so-called machine was not worth a fraction of the price charged. The Company had also claimed that coat-hangers produced by operatives could be sold to local dry cleaners or to Rowell & Company, provided freight was paid to Brisbane.

Investigation had disclosed that the cost of the wire, and the freight to Brisbane, was higher than the price offered by the Company for the hangers. Local dry cleaners were able to buy a far better finished product made by an automatic machine at a price below that suggested by Rowell & Company.

Mr. Dunstan warned the public to be very careful concerning schemes promoted particularly by people in other States through advertisements in the newspapers for using leisure time at home for profit. In many cases these schemes proved to be impractical and often the charges made were excessive for the appliances and information supplied.

Mr. Dunstan warned that before remitting any payment in answer to such advertisements, every effort should be made to establish that the scheme was a proper one. For instance, he said, reputable promoters would be prepared to supply names and addresses of satisfied purchasers so that any scheme and its operation could be examined.