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STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, HON. DON DUNSTAN,
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Mr. Hall's statement on the Chowilla Dam is the weakest apology for inadequate Government yet made by a Premier. To say that we now have time to take up this matter on a political level is just nonsense. Mr. Hall has already seen Mr. Gorton just recently. All South Australian members of Federal Parliament have been fully apprised of South Australia's attitude and needs on Chowilla and moves in the Federal Parliament by South Australian members have so far accomplished nothing from the Federal Government. What is clear from last week's meeting is therefore the first time the South Australian Government has conceded that it is proper for the River Murray Commission to investigate a complete alternative to Chowilla and to ignore the guarantees of building Chowilla given to South Australia under the Agreement. This must inevitably weaken our position in any future arbitration on a dispute arising relating to Chowilla, and nothing Mr. Hall can say can overcome the fact that his Government has not maintained the determined decision of their predecessors on the Chowilla Dam.
