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Press statement - Chowilla Committee

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PRESS STATEMENT: 22nd December, 1970.

FROM: THE PREMIER (MR. DUNSTAN)

SUBJECT: CHOWILLA COMMITTEE

The SA Premier (Mr. Dunstan) today announced the formation of a 12-man committee to promote the benefits that the Chowilla Dam would give River Murray settlements in NSW and Victoria.

He said he would attend its first meeting, to be held at Berri on January 6.

The committee has been formed as a result of a plea made by Mr. Dunstan to people in SA's up-river towns to join him in the fight to retain the State's right to the dam.

"It includes a number of fruitgrowers and prominent businessmen, and will undoubtedly wield considerable influence."

Mr. Dunstan said the committee would be assisted as far as possible by the Government.

"Its aim will be to stir up interest in Chowilla in NSW and Victorian river towns, and inform their people of the benefits they would obtain from the dam.

"It will also distribute pamphlets and hold discussions with fruitgrowing, irrigation and local government organisations along the Murray."

Mr. Dunstan said he would follow-up the committee's promotion by visiting the towns and addressing public meetings.

He stressed that it was not his intention to push for Chowilla ahead of Dartmouth.

"All the Governments concerned, including the South Australian one, realise that Dartmouth will be the next storage on the River Murray system.

"However, it is vital that Chowilla be left in the River Murray Waters Agreement."

The committee is: - Messrs. G. A. Blight, J. J. Hooper (Waikerie); E. T. Spriggs, S. E. Fletcher (Barmera); W. E. C. Symons, R. S. Twyford, L. Nuske, J. Dix, B. John (Renmark); J. Krix, R. K. Satterly (Loxton); J. Howe (Lyrup).