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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN

HACKNEY PLANNING GROUP

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Details of how local people will take part in the planning and implementation of the Hackney Redevelopment Scheme were released today by the Premier, Mr. Dunstan.

A public meeting will be held at the St. Peters Town Hall next Monday, November 6, to elect a resident to join the special Hackney Project Committee overseeing the scheme.

"The Government is determined to ensure that the people most affected, the residents, have an effective say in future major development and redevelopment schemes.

"I think this is essential for success and the Hackney proposal could be a forerunner of future community involvement in planning in other areas", Mr. Dunstan said.

The State Government has appointed Loder and Bayly, planners with wide experience of community developments in other States, as consultants to the scheme.

Mr. Don Glasson of Loder and Bayly will have specific responsibility for this, working from Hackney and assisted by a qualified sociologist, Mrs. C. Wheatan.

The consultants will assist the committee whose job is to develop and implement the Hackney scheme.

Residents will be represented on the Committee by the person elected at next week's meeting and by a St. Peters Council appointee, Councillor H.E. Worrall.

Mr. Dunstan said the Government has also invited Mr. W.O. Gibberd (President of the St. Peters Residents' Association) to be a member to provide further resident representation.

Other members of the committee include a sociologist, a State planner, a private planner, a private interstate developer, and a Government co-ordinating officer, with the General Manager of the Housing Trust (Mr. A.M. Ramsay) as Chairman.

The Premier said the consultants were anxious to discuss possible developments with the public and, to do this, were about to open a Community Project office, in Richmond Street, Hackney.

Voting at next Monday's meeting will be by residents and ratepayers of the Hackney Ward.

Letters have been distributed in the area inviting people to attend and vote.