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Monarto Commissioners, Mr Richardson, Mr Pak-Poy and Mr Kazanski,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for inviting me to be with you today.

I don't intend to speak for long since not only are many of you very familiar with the planning of Australia's new city, you're deeply involved with, and committed to, its creation.

This occasion formally marks the completion of one stage of the planning process and the commencement of another.

Highly qualified specialists have for months been studying the site. Their findings have been used by the consultants, P.G. Pak-Poy and Associates, in the preparation of these concept plans. They incorporate knowledge of the ecology, geology, soils, vegetation, climate and other facts to give us a comprehensive picture of the site. With the completion of these analytical studies, the Monarto Development Commission now has two tasks before it.

They are to be put on display - here from April the eighth - so that we get, at this early stage, the degree of close involvement by the public which we need for real success.

Then work will go ahead on the planning of the final concept including the visual design theme for the city.

The Monarto team has now been joined by the Government's consultants, retained by the Government, Boris Kazanski and Associates, for this purpose.

So far much of the planning process has been a highly and necessarily technical one. But already, I think, one can sense the excitement generated by this chance to create an entirely new city out of the bush. We have the chance to build there a city which is not only new and beautiful but which is truly and radically Australian, incorporating some of the best of new towns elsewhere in the world - and avoiding their mistakes - but adapting them to conditions here.

We have a fantastic opportunity and a grave responsibility. We are literally building for generations to come. We're fortunate indeed in having been able to gather together a group of such diverse talents to do the job.

Already the outline is there. Monarto will have a distinctive and lively city centre, homes to appeal to all income groups, abundant open air recreational and park space and literally millions of trees. It won't be a one-class or one-industry city. It will contain a variety of manufacturing, commercial, academic, scientific and government ventures. It will have a balanced, self-contained community.

It will be a city of innovations capitalising on knowledge painfully acquired in many countries, the skills of our own designers and the ideas of the South Australian public - an exhilarating city in an exhilarating environment.

This is symbolised in the new Monarto emblem also on display for the first time today. It's been designed by Mr Kazanski and Mr Gordon Esam of Adelaide and will be the design by which the city is recognised for years to come.

If I may repeat the words of Daniel H. Burnham who in preparing the plan of Chicago in 1907 said:

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably will not be realised. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency".

We have big plans for Monarto. I believe that in bringing them into being we shall stir men's blood not only in Australia but well beyond our boundaries.

Thank you.

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