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Executive Council Office, Perth, 7th January, 1974.

NOTICE is hereby given that, at the special meeting of the Executive Council held at Government House, Perth, on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1974, at 11 o'clock a.m., Air Commodore Hughie Idwal Edwards reported that he had received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, a Commission under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet appointing him Governor of Western Australia, which Commission was read by the Clerk as follows:—

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

COMMISSION passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, appointing Air Commodore Hughie Idwal Edwards, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., to be Governor of the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

Dated 7th December, 1973.

ELIZABETH R.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith: To Our Trusty and Wellbeloved Hughie Idwal Edwards, Esquire, upon whom has been conferred the decoration of Our Victoria Cross, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of Our Distinguished Service Order, Officer of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, upon whom has been conferred the decoration of Our Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Commodore on the Retired List of Our Royal Air Force, Greeting:

I. We do, by this Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet, appoint you, the said Hughie Idwal Edwards, to be, during Our pleasure, Our Governor in and over Our State of Western Australia and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, with all the powers, rights, privileges and advantages to the said Office belonging or appertaining.

II. And We do hereby authorise, empower, and command you to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal, bearing date at Westminster the Twenty-ninth day of October 1900, constituting the Office of Governor in and over Our State of Western Australia and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, or in any other Letters Patent adding to, amending or substituted for the same, and according to such Orders and Instructions as the Governor for the time being of the said State hath already received, or as you may hereafter receive from Us.

III. And We do hereby appoint that so soon as you shall have taken the prescribed Oaths, and have entered upon the duties of your Office of Governor, this Our present Commission shall supersede the Commission under our Sign Manual and Signet bearing date the Twenty-third day of September, 1963, appointing Our Trusty and Wellbeloved Sir Douglas Anthony Kendrew, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of Our Distinguished Service Order, Major-General on the Retired List of Our Army, to be Governor of Our State of Western Australia and its Dependencies.

IV. And We do hereby command all and singular Our Officers, Ministers, and loving subjects in Our said State and its Dependencies, and all others whom it may concern, to take due notice hereof, and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Saint Jame's, this Seventh day of December, 1973, in the Twenty-second Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME.

His Excellency Air Commodore Hughie Idwal Edwards then took the Oaths of Allegiance and Office before the Honourable the Chief Justice, in the presence of the Members of the Executive Council, and thereupon issued the following Proclamation:-

PROCLAMATION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, By His Excellency Air Commodore Hughie Idwal To Wit:
H. I. EDWARDS, Governor.
[L.S.] Edwards, Victoria Cross, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Distinguished Flying Cross, Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the 29th day of October, 1900, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria did constitute, order and declare that there shall be a Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies as therein defined, and the Governor was thereby authorised, empowered and commanded to do and execute all things belonging to his said office, as therein more particularly set forth.

And whereas Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second has been pleased by a Commission under Her Royal Sign Manual and Signet bearing date at Her Court of Saint Jame's the 7th day of December, 1973, to appoint me, Air Commodore Hughie Idwal Edwards, to be Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, during Her Majesty's pleasure, and has by the

said Commission authorised, empowered and commanded me to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in the hereinbefore recited Letters Patent.

And whereas I have duly taken the Oaths prescribed to be taken by the said recited Letters Patent, in the form and manner therein set forth, now I do hereby proclaim and make known that all and singular the powers and authorities conferred by the said Letters Patent have devolved upon me, the said Air Commodore Hughie Idwal Edwards, as Governor of the said State of Western Australia.

And I further proclaim that I have this day assumed the Government of the said State, and all and singular Her Majesty's Officers, Ministers and subjects in the said State and all others whom it may concern are required to take due notice thereof and give obedience accordingly.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State, at Perth, this 7th day of January, 1974.

> H. I. EDWARDS, Governor.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor. W. S. LONNIE, Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !!!