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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 Well-beloved 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 Well-beloved 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