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COMMONWEALTH POLICE ACTION IN
LAUNCESTON

Commonwealth Police took action in Launceston this week because breaches of the Commonwealth Electoral Act had come under their notice, the Attorney-General, Lionel Murphy, Q.C. said today.

He was commenting on a news release by the Honourable Ivor J. Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

The fact is that a sports depot in Launceston was handing out copies of an electoral advertisement containing comments on legislation dealing with firearms.

The advertisement purported to be authorised by Mr. K.J. Loy. Mr. Loy complained that the distribution of this material in Tasmania was made without his authority and against his wishes. Action was then taken by Commonwealth Police.

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