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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, MR DUNSTAN, OPENING SPENCER GULF
TELEVISION NEW STUDIO. WHYALLA. 28.9.73

MR STURROCK, YOUR WORSHIP, VIEWERS:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ASKING ME HERE THIS EVENING.

THE OPENING OF G.T.S.' NEW WHYALLA STUDIO IS AN IMPORTANT
EVENT FOR THE NETWORK AND FOR THE GULF CITIES AS A WHOLE.

IT'S YET ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE VERY RAPID GROWTH OF THE AREA
AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S TOTAL DEVELOPMENT.

GTS-TV ARE OBVIOUSLY VERY KEENLY AWARE OF THIS REGION'S

POTENTIAL AND ARE PREPARED TO BACK THEIR JUDGEMENT WITH A

MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT THAT WILL PROVIDE PEOPLE HERE WITH

ENTERTAINMENT AND INFORMATION THROUGH FACILITIES THAT ARE THE

EQUAL OF ANY IN AUSTRALIA.

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I CONGRATULATE THEM ON THEIR FORESIGHT. IT'S AN INVESTMENT
THAT I'M SURE WILL VERY QUICKLY PROVE TO BE FULLY JUSTIFIED.

THE STATE GOVERNMENT SHARES GTS-TV'S BELIEF THAT THE SPENCER
GULF HAS ONE OF THE GREAT GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES OF AUSTRALIA TODAY.

THE IMPENDING MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PETRO-CHEMICAL COMPLEX AT
REDCLIFFS, BHP'S WHYALLA EXPANSION, NEW HOUSING CONSTRUCTIONS,
ALL OF THESE ARE POINTERS TO THE FUTURE.

WE SEE THIS REGION AS BEING ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S PRINCIPAL FUTURE
GROWTH CENTRES - AND WE'VE PUT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO THE
COMMONWEALTH TO GET THE MAXIMUM DEVELOPMENT. WE'RE ALSO
IMPLEMENTING PLANS TO SEE THAT INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION IS MADE ON
AN INTEGRATED BASIS.

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AS PART OF OUR TOTAL ECONOMIC PLANNING FOR THE IRON TRIANGLE TOWNS OF WHYALLA, PORT AUGUSTA AND PORT PIRIE, THE STATE GOVERNMENT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMONWEALTH, IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A FULL SCALE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY.

THIS WILL COVER JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND WILL ALSO IDENTIFY PROBLEM AREAS SO THAT, IN FRAMING PLANNING POLICIES, WE KNOW WHAT THE REAL NEEDS ARE.

BUT, OF COURSE, THERE'S MORE TO A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY THAN FULL EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY - VITAL AS THEY ARE. IF PEOPLE ARE TO LIVE A FULL LIFE THEY NEED PROPER FACILITIES IN WHICH TO RELAX AND ENJOY THEMSELVES.

THE GULF AREA ISN'T BADLY OFF AT THE MOMENT - AS THIS LATEST TV DEVELOPMENT SHOWS.

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TO ENSURE THAT IT GETS EVEN BETTER, THE STATE GOVERNMENT IS SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED PERFORMING ARTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTRE IN WHYALLA TO SERVE THE TOTAL WHYALLA AREA.

CONCEPT PLANNING IS WELL ON THE WAY - INDEED WE'VE ALREADY SOUGHT PRELIMINARY REACTIONS OF WHYALLA RESIDENTS TO THE PROPOSALS. NOW WE ARE ABLE TO TAKE IT TO ONE OF THE NEXT STAGES.

THERE'S BEEN VERY WIDESPREAD RECOGNITION ACROSS AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS THAT THE NEW ADELAIDE FESTIVAL CENTRE IS AN OUTSTANDING - AND RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE - SUCCESS.

PEOPLE STARTED TO CALL IT "AUSTRALIA'S OTHER OPERA HOUSE".

NOW I'M TOLD THAT TITLE OFTEN GOES TO SYDNEY, AND THAT SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S IS THE PREMIER SITE.

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MUCH OF THE CREDIT FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CENTRE IS THE RESULT OF THE WORK OF THE ARCHITECTS HASSELL & PARTNERS AND THE THEATRE CONSULTANT MR TOM BROWN.

THAT SAME WINNING TEAM HAS BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER AGAIN TO PRODUCE AN INITIAL ESTIMATES STUDY OF THE PERFORMING ARTS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

WE CAN, I'M SURE, GET A COMPLEX HERE THAT WILL PROVE THE SAME KIND OF MAGNET TO ARTISTS AS THE ADELAIDE CENTRE HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVED TO BE, MAKING IT A MAJOR ATTRACTION FOR LOCAL PEOPLE AND A SIGNIFICANT TOURIST ATTRACTION AS WELL.

THESE ARE A FEW INDICATORS - THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHERS - OF THE WAY IN WHICH THE GULF CITIES ARE GROWING AND BECOMING BETTER PLACES TO LIVE IN.

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GTS ARE KEEPING PACE WITH THAT DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING A VERY REAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AND WITH THE COMPLETION OF THIS FACILITY ARE READY, AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, TO PROVIDE IT IN FULL COLOUR. I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN FORMALLY DECLARING THIS NEW STUDIO OPEN.

THANK YOU.