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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, DON DUNSTAN, AT WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

WAIKERIE. 12.1.74

MR MULLER, MR WHITLAM, YOUR WORSHIP, MR GEHRIGER, MY MINISTERIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY COLLEAGUES, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ASKING ME HERE TODAY AND FOR INVITING ME TO SPEAK. I'M DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY ON BEHALF OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO WELCOME TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA THE OVERSEAS PILOTS AND CREWS, AND THE OFFICIALS AND HELPERS FROM INTERSTATE AND NEW ZEALAND WHO'VE COME HERE FOR THE 14TH WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS. WE'VE BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HAVING THE CHAMPIONSHIPS HERE RIGHT FROM THE START AND KEEN TO GIVE OUR SUPPORT TO THE PROJECT. WE DID SO BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN ENCOURAGING ALL FORMS OF SPORT AND RECREATION AND THE WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE RECOGNISED AS A MOST IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL EVENT.

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IN ADDITION, HOLDING THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS HERE WOULD BE A FURTHER STIMULUS TO OUR VERY RAPIDLY DEVELOPING TOURISM INDUSTRY AND THAT OF THE RIVERLAND IN PARTICULAR - BOTH DIRECTLY, AND INDIRECTLY THROUGH THE INCREASED INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION WE'LL GET AS A RESULT. SO WHEN THE GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA AND THE WAIKERIE DISTRICT COUNCIL APPROACHED US FOR HELP WE GAVE IT WILLINGLY. STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES TOWARDS THE VERY GREATLY IMPROVED FACILITIES AT THIS AIRPORT AND THE NEW ASSEMBLY HALL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL TOTAL SOME 40-THOUSAND DOLLARS. WE CONSIDER IT MONEY WELL SPENT BECAUSE NOT ONLY ARE THE CHAMPIONSHIPS IMPORTANT IN THEMSELVES BUT THE IMPROVEMENTS HERE AND AT THE SCHOOL WILL BE USED BY THE PEOPLE OF WAIKERIE LONG AFTER THEY ARE OVER.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS SITE WAS CHOSEN AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE METEOROLOGICAL SURVEY OF ALL POSSIBLE SITES IN AUSTRALIA.

THE WEATHER STATISTICS SHOWED THAT WAIKERIE OFFERED THE BEST GLIDING CONDITIONS IN AUSTRALIA AND AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD. THAT MAY BE WHY GLIDING IS SO POPULAR IN THIS STATE.

A FIFTH OF AUSTRALIA'S GLIDER PILOTS LIVE HERE, DOUBLE THE NUMBER THAT WOULD BE EXPECTED ON A POPULATION BASIS, AND ALL THE WORLD GLIDING RECORDS HELD BY AN AUSTRALIAN HAVE BEEN BROKEN FROM THIS AIRPORT.

GLIDING IS, I THINK, ONE OF THE MOST EXHILARATING, ADVENTUROUS AND JOYFUL OF SPORTS, ONE THAT GIVES FUN AND FREEDOM TO THOSE WHO JOIN IN IT.

MIND YOU IN THESE HARD TIMES OF OIL BOYCOTTS, CURTAILED AIRLINE SERVICES AND POLLUTED ATMOSPHERES THE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS MIGHT VERY WELL FIND THAT SIR DONALD ANDERSON WANTS TO CO-OPT THEM.

WHERE ELSE CAN YOU TRAVEL 907.7 MILES - I GATHER THE PRESENT DISTANCE RECORD - USING HOT AND COLD AIR ALONE? I WON'T MAKE THE OBVIOUS REMARK ABOUT A CAREER IN POLITICS.

AGAIN, I EXTEND A VERY SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS. I HOPE OUR GLIDING CONDITIONS LIVE UP TO THEIR REPUTATION AND THAT YOU HAVE A MOST SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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