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Press statement - West Lakes Scheme

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PRESS STATEMENT: 27/8/70.
FROM: THE PREMIER (MR. DUNSTAN)
SUBJECT: WEST LAKES SCHEME

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The Premier (Mr. Dunstan) today announced the letting of the main West Lakes Scheme contract which calls for the construction of a 200 acre recreational lake and the reclamation of 1,300 acres of swampland at the head of the Port River.

He said the \$3.5M. 4-year contract had been awarded to the N.S.W. Company, Dredgeworks Pty. Ltd.

"However apart from two management personnel, all employees on site will be recruited from South Australia.

"In fact Dredgeworks is currently recruiting 15 truck drivers and plant operators to start operations.

"In addition Dredgeworks will, wherever possible, purchase all plant and workshop equipment from suppliers in this State."

Mr. Dunstan said that work on the Lake will start within a month .

"To assist in the project Dredgeworks will have constructed in South Australia a \$100,000 dredge specially designed for the West Lakes Project.

"Initially however, all clearing, excavation and filling work will be carried out by conventional dry earthmoving methods, using excavators and trucks.

"When full operations get under way all plant on site will be working around the clock on a three shift basis in order to meet the contract timetable set down by West Lakes Ltd."

Mr. Dunstan said he was delighted that South Australian personnel and suppliers would play such a major role in an imaginative and ambitious development scheme that had attracted the attention of people throughout Australia.

"When the \$200M. scheme is completed West Lakes will house about 18,000 people centred around a lake containing a residential island.

"The 1,660 acre suburb will have its own parks, schools and industrial sites, as well as a shopping center and hotel.

"It will be a model suburb, combining both low and high density living in excellent surroundings."