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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

CITRUS POLL.

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The State Government would be extremely disappointed if South Australian fruit growers rejected the proposed \$6-acre levy for the Citrus Organisation Committee, the Premier (Mr. Dunstan) said today.

"We believe that the C.O.C. represents the best means of promotion for this hard-pressed industry.

"We are anxious to see that it has the necessary resources available to it to carry out its work effectively.

"The levy is the best way to do this".

The Premier said however that a 'no' vote would not necessarily mean the end of the C.O.C.

"I have had discussions with the Agriculture Minister, Mr. Casey, on the role of the committee if the levy is rejected.

"Plainly, it would not be able to play as full, active and useful role, without this financial backing by growers.

"The organisation is too important to let die but growers must understand that the State Budget cannot be called on to support C.O.C. if the growers will not do so themselves.