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FOREWORD

The Postmaster-General, the Hon. C. W. Davidson, recently announced that the Government has approved a new telephone policy framed on a long term basis to meet the expansion of Australia and to confer progressively the benefits of new and improved techniques and modern equipment on users of the telephone service.

This publication outlines the new telephone policy and describes the plans which have been evolved for its application. Endorsement of the policy and development of the plan represent a milestone in the history of Australia's telecommunication services.

The plan itself reflects the detailed investigations to which many officers at Headquarters and in the State Administrations have contributed. These investigations were led by a special planning group - The Automatic Network and Switching Objectives (A.N.S.O.) Committee - which was established at Headquarters for the purpose. The Committee acted in association with the controlling officers and staff of the Headquarters Administration. New South Wales and Victoria were represented throughout by State A.N.S.O. Committees. Other States provided special representation as required.

From the established international organisations, and with the collaboration of other telephone administrations, much information was placed at the disposal of the Post Office. The telephone manufacturing industry, through its world-wide connections, conducted studies into major sections of Australian telephone development problems and supplied valuable technical information on modern available switching systems and others being developed. Personal discussion with the industry was facilitated by visits to Australia by representatives of leading overseas manufacturers and visits overseas by Australian Post Office people.

The value of the information so obtained and the contribution of officers throughout the Australian Post Office to the development of the Community Telephone Plan are gratefully acknowledged.

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