

Weather
 Today's forecast: Late shower or thunderstorm.
 Temperatures: Max. 31, Min. 19.
 Tides: High, 11.49 a.m. (2 m) and 12.01 a.m. (1.4 m). Low, 5.33 a.m. (0.2 m) and 6.32 p.m. (0.5 m).
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Parties back State Premier against Fraser Island minerals ban

'Keep jobs' or 'drift'?

By Political Reporter PETER TQUNDE

The rift between the Federal and State governments widened yesterday with the Federal Government decision to end sand mining on Fraser Island by December 31.

A period of major confrontation appears to be ahead.

The Premier (Mr. Bjelke-Petersen) is pulling no punches and is returning to his anti-Federal Government isolationist Queensland stance of the Whitlam era.

The Deputy Premier and Liberal Leader (Mr. Knox) is certain to back him. The joint Government parties yesterday passed a motion criticising the Federal Government's action.

Angry and bitter, the Premier yesterday told a press conference in the old Legislative Council chamber, an unusual site for one.

"This is a political decision to appease Sydney and Melbourne conservatives."

He said it would be tragic if workers and their families were forced to leave the area to find jobs.

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EMISSARIES from Canberra in the Parliament House office of the Premier (Mr. Bjelke-Petersen) yesterday. Waiting for him to finish a telephone call were (from left) Federal Transport Minister (Mr. Nixon), the Federal Environment Minister (Mr. Newman) and the Federal National Country Party Member for Wide Bay (Mr. Miller).

Next it's uranium

From WALLACE BROWN

CANBERRA.—The Federal Government is expected now to move on to the big national issue of uranium mining.

Several Ministers last night said they anticipated that the Government would agree to the mining and export of uranium under strict conditions and State Government consent.

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Slash on A.B.C. current affairs

SYDNEY.—The Australian Broadcasting Commission last night announced drastic programme cuts in a bid to save \$2 million and keep within its budget.

The ABC chairman (Sir Henry Blundell) made his last night on the latest cuts.

Mr. Robinson, appearing on "This Day Tonight", said he was not in the business of committing himself to any action on providing finance.

The ABC staff Association (Mr. M. Conroy) said the cuts were "scandalous and tragic".

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Man killed
 CAIRNS.—Keith Iannox, 42, of Earlville, Cairns, was killed about 5.30 am yesterday in a collision between a mobile crane he was driving and a truck on the Bruce Highway at Edmondson.

Mum's hurt... Danny, 4, ran 5 km
 MACKAY.—A boy, 4, walked and ran five miles yesterday. His mother, Mrs. M. Murphy, said she was surprised to find her 4-year-old son had run 5 km in the morning. The boy, Danny, was hurt when he fell off a mobile crane he was driving on the Bruce Highway at Edmondson.

Vietnam: Guns they left behind

WASHINGTON. (AAP-News) North Vietnam captured 998 American arms, according to the Defence Department.

Other equipment which fell into North Vietnam hands included 688 tanks, almost two million rifles and small arms, 940 small naval craft used by the South Vietnamese, 42,000 trucks, 150,000 tons of ammunition, 1,000 artillery pieces, 1200 armoured troop carriers, and 48,000 radios.

Soon after the Communist takeover of Saigon, Pentagon officials estimated the North Vietnamese captured some \$3 billion worth of US military equipment, \$200 million worth was believed to be usable.

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