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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' to unemployment

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 conservatism."

"Keep jobs" "The logical decision would have been to keep men employed and keep the operation going."

"Centralist" Mr. Bjelke-Petersen said yesterday there seemed to be little difference between that Government and the Fraser Liberal Government in centralist attitudes.

"In disappointed in the Prime Minister over this irresponsible and incredible decision."

"The State Opposition leader—Mr. Burnt yesterday asked Mr. Fraser by telegram to announce

urgently alternative long term employment plans for the Marbleborough-Hervey Bay district.

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

Mr. Bjelke-Petersen told reporters: "I felt the Government had made it clear I couldn't believe this would happen."

He said Mr. Nixon told him three would be retaining schemes and finance for re-employment.

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for any aid in compensating the mining industry.

Mr. Bjelke-Petersen said an amount of \$100 million over 25 years had been reported as possible compensation. Sand mining was worth more than \$8,400,000 a year to Marbleborough.

The Premier said the State Government must to accept the Fraser Island decision. Legal advice was sought on challenges in the High Court.

A source close to Mr. Bjelke-Petersen said yesterday: "The Prime Minister has backed the Premier on any projects. The Premier has had enough."

The National Party State president, Mr. T. L. Sparkes said last night that his party was concerned that it had not been possible to arrive at a compromise.

A phasing-out period of even years could have permitted miners and their families to rearrange their lives.

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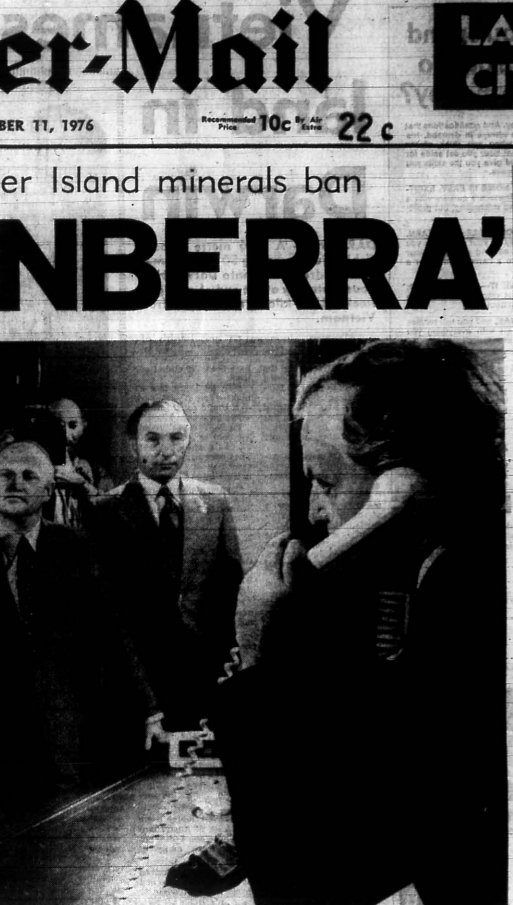
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Slash on A.B.C. current affairs

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

The political programme "State of the Nation" will be axed.

TV film production will be cut and the six cost squeeze the ABC has requested for more than \$2 million to cover the expected cost of next week's national wage case decision.

The ABC also will cut radio production, production of planned TV movies, a TV panel show, a Saturday comedy and "Kane TV" features.

The ABC chairman (Sir Henry Blundell) made 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 New South Wales ABC Staff Association president (Mr. M. Conroy) said the cuts were "scandalous and tragic".

The association will hold a special Federal conference in Sydney today to discuss the decisions.

Sir Henry Blundell said sackings in TV film production would follow the latest cuts.

Mr. Conroy said the cuts could not be assumed that further cuts might not be necessary.

particularly Sir Henry Blundell—seemed intent on turning broadcasting back to peacetime. By hobbling the current affairs section, the commission was endangering democracy.

The ABC spending was running ahead of the \$18 million allocated by the Government for 1976-77, even allowing for cuts made earlier this financial year and putting aside costs beyond the commission's control.

Because of the cuts the ABC is expected to stop production of 16 TV movies.

The movies, part of a package of 18 were to be made in collaboration with the American company Transatlantic Films over the next three years.

Only one, "Hunted", starring Americans Richard Benjamin, his wife Paula Prentiss and Barry Sullivan has been completed.

American comedian Sid Caesar is due in Sydney today to start the second of Australian movies, a talking heads with Julia Miles as his co-star.

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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, and employers and unions must act in a co-operative and constructive way.

At a press conference Mr. Newman said that the "trade-off" for the decision to end Fraser Island sand mining was the uranium decision.

He said the Government would have been able to demonstrate its concern for the environment with his Fraser Island decision—yet also to demonstrate its concern for world energy needs by allowing uranium to be exported.

In addition, the Government would be able to claim it was being conspired, because in both cases it would be following broadly the recommendations of the committees.

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Man killed

CAIRNS.— Keith Linnox, 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 Bruce Highway at Edmonson.

from the wrecked vehicle and then set off to get his father, graser Mr. D.J. Conner, said young Danny had to cross one creek about 30 metres from the house.

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Mum's hurt... Danny, 4, ran 5 km

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