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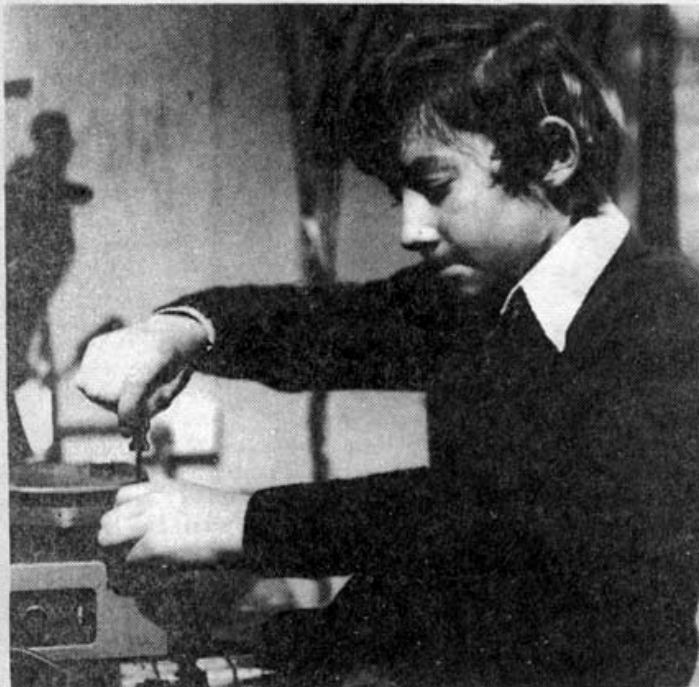
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Judi Stack

LIMERICKS

In Melbourne the people's collective
From Roe got abuse and invective
But they organised well
And said "Go to hell!"
We'll show that your way's defective.

Cowen and Roe in cahoots
Into the media co-op put the boots
To destroy them they tried,
But they'll loose - viva la grassroots!

CENSORED!

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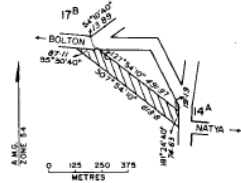
Land Act 1958 ROAD PROCLAIMED

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

I, the Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said State, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 (3) (e) of the *Land Act 1958*, do hereby proclaim as road the Crown land hereinafter described, viz.:

Municipal District of the Shire of Swan Hill, Parish of Myall, being the land indicated by hatching on plan hereunder—
(M585 (3) (Rs)11263)



Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, in the thirty-second year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia.
(L.S.) **BRIAN MURRAY**
By His Excellency's Command,

R. A. MACKENZIE
Minister of Lands

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PUBLIC HIGHWAY — SHIRE OF ELTHAM

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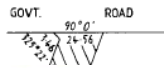
Whereas by the *Local Government Act 1958*, section 519 it is amongst other things enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council at any time and from time to time upon the request of the council of any municipality by notice in the *Government Gazette* to proclaim any land reserved used or by purchase or exchange

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And whereas the Council of the Shire of Eltham has requested that the land hereinafter mentioned, being a street road lane or passage made or laid out or proposed to be made or laid out on land of which a plan of subdivision delineating such street road lane or passage has been sealed with the seal of the municipality under subdivision (3) of Division 9 of Part XIX of the *Local Government Act 1958*, or a corresponding previous enactment be so declared to be a public highway.

Now therefore I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said State, do by this proclamation declare that part of Curtain Road, Harbridge shown by hatching on the plan hereunder shall be a public highway within the meaning of the said Act.



Western Communications final address

A copy of the Amending Scheme has been deposited at the office of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, 625 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, and at the office of the Department of Planning (Plan Inspection Section), 5th Floor, 235 Queen Street, Melbourne and as to so much of the Amending Scheme as relates to land within the municipal district of any municipality at the office of such municipality, and will be open for inspection during office hours by any person free of charge.

Any persons affected by the Amending Scheme are required to set forth in writing any submissions they may wish to make with respect to the Amending Scheme, addressed to the Director of Administration, Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, Box 4342, Melbourne 3001 by 6 August 1983 and to state whether they wish to be heard in respect of their submissions.
Dated 5 July 1983

H. G. FORD
Acting Director of Administration

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works
625 Little Collins Street
Melbourne 3000

Co-operation Act 1981

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Notice is hereby given in pursuance of Section 192 (8) of the *Co-operation Act 1981* and Section 459 (2) of the *Companies (Victoria) Code*, that, at the expiration of three months from the date hereof, the names of the aforementioned societies will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the societies will be dissolved.

Dated at Melbourne 23 June 1983

P. J. ROGAN
Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies

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