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*Commissions of Inquiry Act 1951-1971*

## COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Commission of Inquiry into the circumstances attending the capsizing of the Motor Vessel *Julie Ross* in Fairfax Harbour, Port Moresby on 25th September, 1977.

To: Mr Justice Edmund Peter Tom Raine, E.D.  
Mr William Careston Millar, B.Sc., F.R.I.N.A.  
Captain George Bruce Lindsay Copland, M.R.I.N.

### GREETING:—

Know you that I, Michael Thomas Somare, Prime Minister, reposing confidence in your integrity and ability, do, by virtue of the powers conferred by the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1951-1971* and all other powers me enabling, by this my Commission appoint you the said Mr Justice Edmund Peter Tom Raine, E.D., Mr William Careston Millar, B.Sc., F.R.I.N.A., Captain George Bruce Lindsay Copland, M.R.I.N., to be Commissioners under that Act, to inquire into and report upon a matter in which an inquiry would be in my opinion for the public benefit, that is to say to inquire into the circumstances attending the capsizing of the Motor Vessel *Julie Ross* in Fairfax Harbour, off Paga Point, shortly after sailing from Port Moresby on 25th September, 1977, resulting in three of her nine crew members and three of her seventeen passengers losing their lives.

AND I direct that the said Mr Justice Edmund Pete Tom Raine, E.D., shall be Chairman.

AND I further direct that the inquiry shall be held at such places in Papua New Guinea and elsewhere as to you may appear necessary or expedient.

AND I further direct that the inquiry shall be held in public.

AND I further direct that you shall commence the inquiry with as little delay as possible and proceed therein with all dispatch and render to me your report as soon as possible.

Dated at Port Moresby this 15th day of November, 1977.

M. T. SOMARE,  
Prime Minister.

