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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE STATE ELECTRICITY
COMMISSION, DR. W. H. CONNOLLY

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FUTURE OF TOWN OF YALLOURN

The State Electricity Commission will put into effect a number of important proposals in connection with the future of the town of Yallourn in the Latrobe Valley.

These proposals are to allow for winning of valuable deposits of brown coal from an area which is now covered by portion of the town.

The proposals are announced at this stage mainly to remove the uncertainty which has existed for some time among Yallourn residents.

The Commission has made plans to ensure that there will be no sudden upheaval of Yallourn residents.

Although it will be necessary to clear 1,000 houses in the town and find a similar number of houses elsewhere, there will be 25 years in which to achieve this result. It will be many years before there is a noticeable reduction in the number of houses.

In 1961 the Commission pointed out that there was a considerable quantity of brown coal under Yallourn which could be won economically and that it may be needed after the year 1995. A public statement was made then so that all with a long-term interest in the town should be aware of possible development well in advance.