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## PREFACE

This volume of the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* is the first of four for the section 1851–1890. The two volumes for the first section (1788–1850) have already been published, and six have been planned for the third section 1891–1938. This chronological division was designed to simplify production, for some six thousand articles are likely to be included. A general index volume will be prepared when the three sections are completed. Meanwhile free copies of the provisional list of names proposed for inclusion in the remaining volumes of the 1851–1890 section are available from the *Dictionary* office as a temporary guide.

The placing of each individual's name in the appropriate section has been generally determined by when he did his most important work (*floruit*). For articles that overlap the chronological division, preference has usually been given to the earlier period, although all the important Federationists will appear in the third section.

The selection of names for inclusion in the *Dictionary* has been the result of much consultation and co-operation. After quotas were estimated, Working Parties in each State prepared provisional lists, which were widely circulated and carefully amended. Many of the names were obviously significant and worthy of inclusion. Others, less notable, were chosen simply as samples of the Australian experience. Some had to be omitted through lack of material, and thereby joined the great anonymous mass whose members richly deserve a more honoured place; however, many thousands of these names are accumulating in a 'Biographical Register' at the *Dictionary* headquarters in the Australian National University, and copies of this register are circulated at intervals to Australian libraries.

Most authors were nominated by the Working Parties, and nearly all contributed their entries without payment. The burden of writing has been shared almost equally by university historians and by members of Historical and Genealogical Societies and other specialists. Most of the unsigned entries were prepared in the *Dictionary* office.

The *Dictionary* is an all-Australian, Commonwealth-wide project based on consultation and co-operation. The Australian National University has borne the cost of the headquarters staff, of much research and of some special contingencies, while other Australian Universities have supported the project in various ways. Its policies have been determined by the National Committee of representatives from the Departments of History in each Australian University. At Canberra the Editorial Board has kept in touch with all these representatives and, through them, with the Working Parties, librarians, archivists and other local experts, as well as overseas correspondents and research assistants in each Australian capital. With such varied support the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* can truly be called a national project.

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