

sonary stone. The council said there were concerns over a number of matters including the length of the agreement — three years.

A spokesman for the teachers' federation said the agreement had been reached in secret and pending a decision on an appeal by the union to the State Industrial Relations Commission over its right to be represented in the negotiations. Under the Act the parties have no obligation to inform the union.

But the Minister for Industrial Relations, Mr Hannaford, said the negotiations between the employees and employers, in the absence of the union, had been achieved with a great deal of goodwill on both sides.

"This is a resounding vote of confidence in the principle of direct negotiations."

## Described as disappointing

to deliver workplace change at a time when the centralised system's future is under intense scrutiny.

In the decision, the Full Bench, headed by the commissioner's president, Justice Maddern, rejected two key elements of the employer-union plan to restructure the industry.

The commission knocked back the payment scheme for a new system, which replaces old categories of tradespeople with new "fields of work".

The system had involved workers acquiring different skills in each field, and being paid for the highest skill level they had acquired.

Instead, the commission reaffirmed previous rulings

their approach in light of this decision," the AFCC says.

"The decision makes it even more important for contractors to forge better relations with employees and subcontractors."

"Solutions provided by outside parties and institutions are unlikely to be forthcoming in the foreseeable future."

"This decision demonstrates that the most likely way for progress in this area is through enterprise bargaining."

The Master Builders-Construction and Housing Association also described the decision as disappointing and a big setback.

"We were all assuming that it would be endorsed for the simple reason that all the major parties agreed to it," the group's executive director, Mr John Murray, said.

## Australia home to oldest rock art

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lated by Neanderthal people at that time.

The engravings were on outcrops of black dolomite spread across the plain, Ms Nobbs told The Australian.

They showed patterns of circles, lines, bird and kangaroo tracks and many dots, which almost certainly contained messages possibly representing Aboriginal songlines.

"The new dates indicate that Australia contains what is far and away the oldest known human art on earth," she said.

"But there has been considerable thought given to the fact that these purposive marks may indicate the beginning of cognitive thought and language — an internal stimulus leading to outward expression."

The engravings were clearly closely linked to features of the landscape and probably contained practical and cultural information, Mr Neale Draper, of the South Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service, said.

"It is a highly abstract form of shorthand, probably representing parts of the

dreaming, songlines," the ancestors and landscape."

Australian National University prehistorian Professor Rhys Jones said the rock art dates were consistent with dates for human settlement of Australia obtained from sites in the Northern Territory, of 55,000 to 60,000 years, and on the Nullarbor of 38,000 to 40,000 years.

He said the oldest European cave art sites were associated with the earliest Aurignacian tradition, and under new interpretation, could possibly date back as far as 35,000-40,000 years.

## Wool market jitters

NERVOUSNESS surrounds this morning's opening of wool sales for the new selling season at auctions in Sydney and Fremantle.

Although prices closed the 1991-92 season last month on a severe downward trend, most observers expect prices to at least stabilise within the next month, if not days.

Exporters say that despite 12 months of free market, many buyers are still buying wool on a "needs" basis and not anticipating future trends.

Another uncertain factor is China, whose erratic buying patterns of the past 12 months are expected to continue.

Prices dropped from almost \$50c a kilogram in March to below \$50c in late June.

Preceding this morning's official sales will be the first sales under a new marketing initiative aimed at giving buyers high quality and consistent wools.

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—TIM STEVENS

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## Gaming chief 'must resign'

By PETER ALFORD

THE chairman of the Victorian Gaming Commission, Mr John "Darcy" Dugan, has been accused of compromising his position and warned that he would be sacked by an incoming Coalition government.

The shadow attorney-general, Ms Jan Wade, yesterday demanded that Mr Dugan, formerly the State's chief magistrate, and the commission's gaming director, Mr Howard Ronaldson, resign immediately.

But Mr Dugan made it clear he and Mr Ronaldson intended to stay and the Minister for Gaming, Mr Roper, supported them firmly, saying "there is no evidence whatsoever that either person has been in any way compromised".

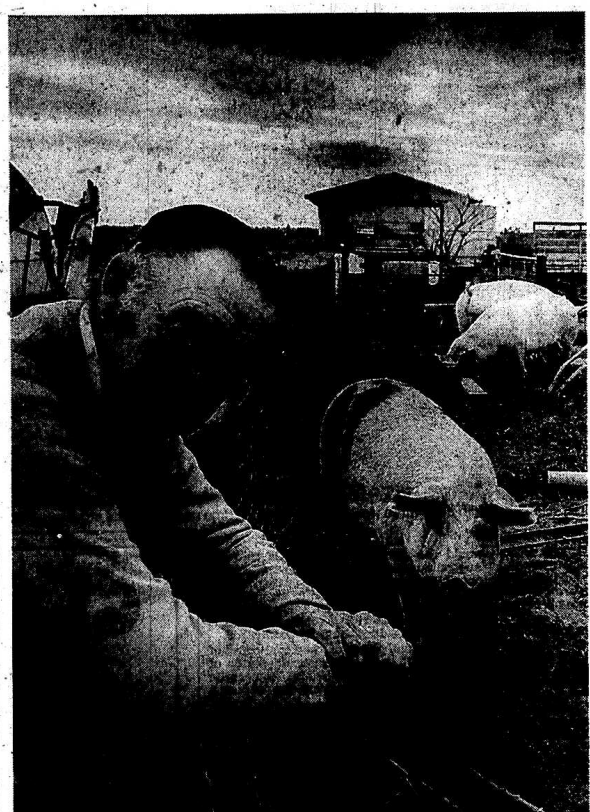
The Opposition move, within three months of the expected State election, adds a serious political twist to the introduction of electronic poker machines to Victoria, with the program already behind schedule.

Mr Dugan and Mr Ronaldson went to Montana in the United States in June to carry out "probity and financial checks" on US gaming machine manufacturer Video Lottery Consultants, which agreed to pay up to half the \$20,000 cost.

The pair have also confirmed "catching a lift" with VIC directors on a flight between the company's premises in Bozeman and Helena, where they had talks with Montana State Justice Department officials.

Calling for the resignations yesterday, Ms Wade said these actions "can clearly undermine the public's confidence in the administration of gambling in Victoria".

Asked the attitude of a Coalition government: "I feel we would have no alternative but to remove him. (Mr Dugan) from office if he was unwise enough to continue."



Mr Hannan . . . pig producers are 'leaving the district in droves'

## Polyukhovich pleads not guilty

By ROHAN SULLIVAN

ADELAIDE pensioner Ivan Polyukhovich pleaded not guilty yesterday to committing war crimes in killing eight people and being involved in the death of up to 850 others.

The first Australian to be charged with war crimes, the Ukrainian-born Polyukhovich, 76, entered a plea of not guilty at the Supreme Court yesterday for the first time since his arrest in January 1990.

Through an interpreter, he denied all charges brought against him.

Standing in court with the as-

sistance of a walking stick, Polyukhovich shook his head and answered "Not guilty" to the reading of five charges relating to the deaths of Jews from the Ukrainian village of Serniki during the Nazi occupation of World War II.

Polyukhovich was remanded for trial and released on continuing bail conditions in the brief arraignment hearing before Justice Duggan.

The arraignment followed an in-chambers "status conference" between Justice Duggan and counsel in which the prosecution is

## Witness picked accused on second chance

A WITNESS who initially identified the wrong man when shown a pool of photographs by Australian war crimes prosecutors in Ukraine last year was given another chance to get it right, a court was told yesterday.

The committal hearing for 78-year-old Adelaide pensioner Nikolay Berезovsky was shown a video of an interview conducted with the witness, Mr Mikhail Raykis, by war crimes investigators in the Ukrainian village of Givnava in March 1991.

Berezovsky is charged with

being involved in the murder of 102 Jews near Givnava in Nazi-occupied Ukraine in 1942.

The video showed Detective Sergeant Paul Malone of the Special Investigations Unit ask Mr Raykis if he could identify the accused from the group of photographs.

After studying the photographs Mr Raykis pointed to the one he believed was Berezovsky, but Mr Malone then asked him about two other photographs. Mr Raykis had singled out earlier as being familiar to him.

Junior defence counsel Ms Lindy Powell told the Adelaide Magistrates Court that Mr Malone had diverted the witness "with great clarity" away from his initial choice without fully investigating why Mr Raykis had chosen that photograph, which was not of Berezovsky.

Mr Malone then agreed with Ms Powell that he had given Mr Raykis another chance, which Mr Raykis had used to identify a photograph of the accused.

The hearing, before Magistrate Mr David Gurry, is continuing.

TWO key South Australian primary industries are under threat unless the federal Government stiffens the laws on duties and helps to stem alleged unfair trading practices by overseas pig and tuna producers, industry officials say.

The high demand that inspired the pig producers of Port Pirie and Tuna Processors of Port Lincoln to modernise and expand their enterprises has slowly eroded in the past year.

The pig industry is having problems mounting a case against the importing of cheap Canadian pigmeat and has experienced a 25 per cent slump in price since December.

Processed pigmeat produced in Canada but packaged in Australia and therefore legally labelled "made in Aus-

## Opportunity to compete

tralia" is one of the Pork Council of Australia's main concerns.

It is pressing the Federal Government to take action to "safeguard the highly efficient Australian industry against the unfair trading practices of Canada".

And the influx of cheap Indonesian and Thai canned tuna has meant a marked drop in its shelf price. The imported fish sells for up to 30c a can less than the local product.

Producers say that legislation enabling countervailing or anti-dumping action needs to be available to tackle the use of tariffs, quotas and high levels of subsidy by our trading partners.

Meanwhile, imports of Canadian pigmeat soared to 1118 tonnes in March this year, a 470 per cent increase on 1991.

In the district of Port Pirie, at the centre of the State's

mid-north pig-raising region, producers face rising costs and competition from the Canadian imports, which the local council says is "wreaking havoc" on prices.

Local producers supply 700 pigs per week to the Port Pirie abattoir, which employs about 100 people.

The chairman of the District Council of Port Pirie, Mr Vic Hannan, said that if the cheap imported meat continued to be allowed into the country the local industry would be "ruined".

He said pig producers had been "leaving the district in droves" over the past eight months but the Minister for Primary Industries, Mr Crean, failed to realise the extent of the problem.

Port Lincoln is touted by locals as the tuna capital of Australia but civic leaders said the town's Tuna Processors cannery might have to close with the loss of up to 200 jobs.

The factory processes canned tuna for the brands Seekit and John West. The nation's only other tuna processor is the Greenpeace cannery in Eden, NSW.

Earlier this month, cannery employees staged a demonstration to protest against imported tuna and the threat it posed to their jobs.

A petition called on Federal Parliament to amend the Customs Act of 1901, relating to anti-dumping countervailing duties, to give local fishermen the opportunity to compete.

A spokesman for the cannery employees, Mr John Jonata, said his fellow workers were "jittery" about the future of the cannery.

"We can see that things are slowing down — they can see our stock rooms are full of cans waiting to go out, waiting to be distributed. We are worried about our future," he said.

## CSIRO to move

By science and technology writer JULIAN CRIBB

A DESIRE to demolish the Canberra image of remoteness has led to a decision by the CSIRO to dismember its national capital administrative headquarters in a move it hopes will bring it closer to its partners in industry.

The step is also motivated by an effort to narrow the corporate abyss between scientists and administrators — and to rationalise the real estate assets of the capital-strapped science agency with the sale of its \$20 million property on Limestone Avenue.

A decision in principle to break up the Limestone Avenue "ivory tower" (as some CSIRO employees are wont to term it) has been taken by the CSIRO board. Its 267 staff will be distributed among CSIRO divisional offices in Canberra and other cities.

But the decision between Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney as the location for the organisation's executive director, Dr John Stocker, and senior administrators, has yet to be resolved.



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## Multiplex denies concealing Connell fee

By GRAHAM LLOYD

When head of the Multiplex group, Sir John Connell, was asked about his political ties, he said he was not involved in any business with the government.