

# Motor Industry News Leyland Australia

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## BIG GOVERNMENT ORDER FOR LEYLAND "NATIONAL" BUS.

Leyland Australia's Truck and Bus Division has won a major Government contract to supply 70 National buses.

The order has been secured from the Commonwealth Government, Department of the Capital Territory, Canberra.

The 70 buses, worth some \$2 million, will be built by Pressed Metal Corporation, Sydney.

This is the second major order for the National announced in a matter of weeks, the first being for 30 Nationals ordered by the Metropolitan Tramways Board in Melbourne.

Overall value of both of these contracts is about \$2.75 million.

The order by the Commonwealth Government means a total of 100 Nationals will be operating in Canberra and Melbourne by mid-1974.

Currently there is a prototype National bus in service in Sydney which is being used to provide Leyland with valuable local experience on the performance of the vehicle before the buses are put into service in Canberra and Melbourne.

To date, this bus has been faultless in operation and has had tremendous public acceptance, indicating its suitability for Australian operating conditions.

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<b>CARS</b>	<b>AUSTIN</b>	<b>BUSES</b>	<b>COACHES</b>	<b>FOUR WHEEL</b>	<b>TRACTORS</b>	<b>ROAD ROLLERS</b>
ROVER	MORRIS	LEYLAND	AB DENNING	DRIVE	LEYLAND	GRADERS
JAGUAR	MG	TRUCKS	PRESSED METAL	LANDROVER		AVELING-BARFORD
DAIMLER	TRIUMPH	LEYLAND		RANGEROVER		

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The National bus is a highly tooled vehicle of pressed steel construction using motor car methods of manufacture.

Planning for the building of the buses from CKD (completely knocked down) packs is well advanced and will employ new techniques requiring setting up special facilities and tooling in Australia.

The buses will be assembled by Pressed Metal Corporation in Sydney and senior staff from both Truck and Bus Division and Pressed Metal will visit Leyland UK for a detailed study of the trial build of vehicles using CKD pack techniques.

Local content development is being investigated and will involve Australian labour, interior fittings, passenger seats and glass, with any special requirements being engineered in Australia with approval from U.K.

Footnote:

Leyland U.K. has won the coveted Dewar Trophy, Britain's premier automotive award, for its National Bus.

The trophy is awarded by the RAC whose Technical and Engineering Committee say that the design, development and construction of the National Bus represents: "a radical new approach to the development of a public service vehicle incorporating maximum pay-load and security at minimal cost and maintenance".

British Leyland also won the Dewar Trophy in 1972 for advanced development in automobile design as shown by the Range Rover.