

MINISTRY OF POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

12th July, 1944.

Dear Mr. Hartnett,

I am interested to hear that during your visit to U.S.A. you propose to discuss the possibility of producing complete motor vehicles in Australia.

The Government is anxious that Australian needs of such vehicles should be made to the greatest extent possible by Australian production, particularly if this can be associated with a reduction of selling prices to the public. The technical development of Australian industry during the war provides, I believe, an opportunity for a rapid development of the motor industry in Australia and its development can contribute significantly to the employment of Australian workmen who, during the war, have acquired skill and experience in this class of production.

I have asked the Australian Minister in Washington to give you any assistance he can during your visit to U.S.A.

Yours sincerely,

J. B. CHIFLEY,
Minister for Post-War Reconstruction.