

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

Collection Name:

**Sir Edward Woodward and  
the Australian Stevedoring Industry.**

**Accession Number:** 101/73

**Historical Note:** This collection contains all the records covering Sir Edward Woodward's involvement with the Stevedoring Industry from 1965 to 1972. The material begins with Woodward's appointment by the Federal Government to conduct an Inquiry into the industry. That was overtaken by the establishment of the National Stevedoring Industry Conference, which he chaired from 1965 to 1970. The conference was then replaced by a statutory authority - the Stevedoring Industry Council, which Woodward chaired until he went on the bench in 1972.

**Description:** The bulk of this collection is comprised of reports from the Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority (A.S.I.A.) from 1964 to 1972. The reports also cover background material to the Inquiry, and general comments about the Stevedoring Industry. There are also a number of submissions by the A.S.I.A and associated companies to the Stevedoring Industry Conference. A number of printed publications relating to the waterfront industry are also included,. There is the Stevedoring Industry Council Minutes from 1970 to 1972. There are also a collection of correspondence to and from Sir Edward Woodward.

**Date of Transfer:** 28<sup>th</sup> October 2001.

**Access:** Open. Draft report at 5/6 and all summaries written by Sir Edward Woodward are not to be quoted from without his permission.

**Size:**

**Date Range:** 1957 - 1978.

**Related Collections:**

**List of Records:** **Series 1:** MINUTES

**Series 2:** CORRESPONDENCE

**Series 3:** SUBMISSIONS

**Series 4:** PUBLICATIONS

**Series 5:** REPORTS

**Series 6:** MISCELLANEOUS

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Accession

Box Number	Series Number	Description
1	1	<b>Minutes</b>
1	1/1	Stevedoring Industry Council - Minutes. Jul to Nov, 1970. 1 Folder.
1	1/2/1	National Stevedoring Industry Conference - Minutes. Feb to May, 1970. 1 Folder.
1	1/2/2	Stevedoring Industry Council - Minutes. Dec, 1970 to Apr 1971. 1 Folder.
1	1/2/3	Stevedoring Industry Council - Minutes. May to Aug, 1971. 1 Folder.
1	1/2/4	Stevedoring Industry Council - Minutes. Oct, 1971 to Jun, 1972. 1 Folder.
1	1/3	Industrial Relations Committee. Nov 1963-1965. 1 Folder [containing fourteen minute reports]
	2	<b>Correspondence</b>
1	2/1	Containers 1966-1967 1 Folder [containing letters regarding Container Shipping Services, and the Shipping Conference on Containerization]
1	2/2	British Phosphate Commission 1966-1967. 1 Folder [contains letters from BPC regarding the National Stevedoring Industry Conference]
1	2/3	Dissident Employers and Press Cuttings 1966-1967. 1 Folder [containing letters and newspaper clippings]
1	2/4	Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority. 1966-1967. 1 Folder [containing ten letters]
1	2/5	Guarantee Scheme 1969. 1 Folder [containing letters concerning recruitment and wages]
	3	<b>Submissions</b>
1	3/1/1	Main Submission of the Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority on Term of Reference No. 3. Sept, 1965. 1 Folder
1	3/1/2	Main Submission of the Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority on Term of Reference No. 4. Sept, 1965. 1 Folder.
2	3/1/3	Main Submission of the Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority on Term of Reference No. 6. Nov, 1965.

- 1 Folder.
- 2           3/2/1   Permanent Employment of Waterside Workers: Submissions of the Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority for Consideration of the Stevedoring Industry Conference. Dec, 1965.  
1 Folder.
- 2           3/2/2   Permanent Employment. 1966.  
1 Folder [containing 7 booklets, concerning permanent positions of waterfront workers]
- 2           3/3       Ministry of Labour: Peace and Efficiency in the Docks - Devlin Plan for Action. Aug, 1965.  
1 Booklet.
- 2           3/4       Stevedoring Industry Inquiry: Summary Submission by Department of Trade and Industry. Aug, 1965.  
1 Booklet.
- 2           3/5       Australian Woolgrowers and Graziers' Council Submission to Stevedoring Industry Enquiry. Nov, 1965.  
1 Booklet.
- 2           3/6       Initial Submission by the Association of Employers of Waterside Labour Sept, 1965.  
1 Booklet.
- 2           3/7       Submissions to the Commonwealth Government in Connection with the Industrial Situation and Employment Arrangements. Dec, 1964.  
1 Folder [containing blue booklet]
- 2           3/8       C.F.C.E. 1966.  
1 Folder [containing various correspondence, and submissions regarding workers' wage rates and claims]
- 2           3/9       [Submissions by A.E. Woodward to The Stevedoring Industry Conference advancing a guaranteed weekly wage, and letters related to it] 1966-1967  
1 Folder [originally stored in E.P. & A. Fraser folder, it contains 2 submissions, and various correspondence]
- 2           3/10      Broken Hill Proprietary Company 1966-1966.  
1 Folder [containing letters and booklets concerning BHP's submission to the National Stevedoring Industry Conference]
- 2           3/11      Redundancy. 1965-1966.  
1 Folder [containing 12 booklets]
- 4           **Publications**
- 2           4/1       Impact of the National Stevedoring Industry Conference (1965-67) on Industrial Relations of the Australian Waterfront. Jun, 1978.  
1 Booklet.
- 2           4/2       Shackling The Wharfies. 1963.  
1 Booklet.
- 2           4/3       The Case for the Waterside Worker: Towards a Better Understanding 1965.  
1 Booklet.
- 2           4/4       Parliamentary Debates: 26<sup>th</sup> Parliament, First Session. Nov 1967.  
1 Booklet.
- 2           4/5       The Fremantle Watersider.

		1967.
		1 Booklet [216 pages]
	<b>5</b>	<b>Reports</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>5/1/1</b>	Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority Report. June 1964. 1 Booklet.
<b>2</b>	<b>5/1/2</b>	Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority Report. June 1965 1 Booklet.
<b>2</b>	<b>5/1/3</b>	Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority Report. June 1966. 1 Booklet.
<b>3</b>	<b>5/1/4</b>	Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority Report. June 1967. 1 Booklet.
<b>3</b>	<b>5/1/5</b>	Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority Report. June 1968. 1 Booklet.
<b>3</b>	<b>5/1/6</b>	Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority Report. June 1969. 1 Booklet.
<b>3</b>	<b>5/1/7</b>	Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority Report. June 1970. 1 Booklet.
<b>3</b>	<b>5/1/8</b>	Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority Report June 1970-1971. 1 Booklet.
<b>3</b>	<b>5/1/9</b>	Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority Report June 1971-1972. 1 Booklet.
<b>3</b>	<b>5/2</b>	Reports of Previous Inquires into the Australian Stevedoring Industry. 1939-1954. 1 Folder [includes seven reports]
<b>3</b>	<b>5/3</b>	Report of the Committee of Inquiry. Mar, 1957. 1 Booklet [308 pages]
<b>3</b>	<b>5/4</b>	Training and Accident Prevention. 1960-1967. 1 Folder [containing "Training for the Port Industry" article and "Information sought by Stevedoring Industry Inquiry" paper]
<b>3</b>	<b>5/5</b>	Summary of Stoppages, 1964-5, Melbourne. 1964-1965. 1 Folder [containing booklet]
<b>3</b>	<b>5/6</b>	Stevedoring Industry 1965-1972 Summary. 1965-1972. 1 Booklet, blue.
<b>3</b>	<b>5/7</b>	Inquiry Background. Jun-Oct, 1965. 1 Folder [containing reports, news-clippings and correspondence related to the context of the Stevedoring Industry Inquiry]
<b>3</b>	<b>5/8</b>	Comments by Mr. President on the Ports of the United Kingdom and Europe Visited by him during the Course of an Inspection. Apr to May, 1965. 1 Folder.
<b>3</b>	<b>5/9</b>	C.F.C.E.

		Oct to Dec, 1965.
		1 Folder [containing material related to the proposal for a conference addressing issues of improvement of conditions in the Stevedoring industry, including press-clippings and correspondence]
3	5/10	The Stevedoring Industry Bill, 1965: Background Notes and Data. Sept, 1965. 1 Booklet.
3	5/11	[Report outlining problems in the Stevedoring Industry and possible solutions] c1966. 1 Booklet, black.
3	5/12	Permanent Employment in the UK and USA. 1965-1966. 1 Folder [containing news-clippings, a copy of Lord Devlin's "Final Report into the Port Transport Industry", 6 issues of the Docks Bulletin]
4	5/13	Super. 1965-1966. 1 Folder [containing correspondence, the Stevedoring Employees' Retirement Fund handbook, a report on the Superannuation Scheme for Waterside workers and various proposals concerning workers' pensions]
4	5/14	Local Issues. 1965-1966. 1 Folder [contains reports, letters and minutes concerned with the activities of Stevedoring companies, particularly the loading of Wool, and general work conditions]
4	5/15	Throughput and Progress Reports. 1966. 1 Folder [includes booklets concerning reports about the role of the Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority]
4	5/16	Inquiry. 1965. 1 Folder [containing news-clippings regarding the Federal Government's Waterfront Inquiry, and the opposition to it by the Waterside Worker's Federation of Australia]
4	5/17	Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority Surveys, etc. 1965-1966. 1 Folder [containing guidelines to the conduct of surveys, and memo to the Chairman regarding wharf transit shed utilisation]
4	5/18	Association of Employers of Waterside Labour - Report. 1964-1966. 1 Booklet.
4	5/19	National Stevedoring Industry Conference - General Report. Apr, 1967. 1 Booklet.
4	5/20	Draft Report - A.E. Woodward 1967. 1 Folder [containing a draft of A.E. Woodward's report to Leslie Bury, M.P., regarding the state of the Stevedoring Industry]
4	5/21	[Various material regarding allocation of permanent employees, wage increases, and casual ports] 1968. 1 Folder [containing reports, correspondence, and a copy of the "Association of Employers of Waterside Labour Annual Report 1967-1968"]
4	5/22	[General material related to Stevedoring Industry, including the National Stevedoring Conference, national work stoppages, surveys of dining facilities, and wage reports] 1970-1971. 1 Folder [containing a variety of booklets, memos and news-clippings]
6		<b>Miscellaneous</b>

4                    6/1    General.  
                         1966-1967.  
                         1 Folder [containing a variety of documents, including news-clippings, correspondence, and  
                         press statements about Stevedoring and the National Industry Conference]