One of the objects of this change of procedure is to eliminate the processing of accounts through two Head Offices. Will you please bring this circular to the notice of Officers concerned.

J. McConnell

UNDER SECRETARY FOR COUNTRY WATER SUPPLIES.

From 1-7-63

District Branches are to cease.

## NUMBAT.

The publication in the "West Australian" of May 3, 1963, of a photograph of a woman and her daughter holding a numbat or banded anteater (Myrmecobius fasciatus) recorded the occurrence of these rarely seen animals at Chowerup. Incidentally, as she had committed an offence by taking the creature, the woman concerned was contacted by telephone and advised that she must release the numbat at the point of capture if she wished to avoid prosecution (Fauna Warden S.W. Bowler has since established that the animal was indeed released). A further report of the occurrence of these creatures has been received from Mr. E.J. Handley, of The Avenue, Harvey. He writes that in the last week of May he was travelling along the road to Tallanalla, when two miles east of Mornington Mill he saw a numbat cross the road. He added that it was at the same place that he had seen two numbats about seven years previously.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LINE AND SEA FISHING RECORDS.

Mr. P.G. Yewers, of Head Office, himself a leading spearfisherman, advises