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SALISBURY (S.A.) IN TRANSITION

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ABBREVIATIONS

- S.A.H.T. - South Australian Housing Trust.
- C.W.W.H.T. - Commonwealth War Workers Housing Trust.
- A.A. - Australian Archives.
- A.A.M.P. - refers to files of the Australian Archives held at its Melbourne office.
- A.A.A.P. - refers to files of the Australian Archives held at its Adelaide office.
- C.H.P.A. - Cabin Homes Progress Association.
- S.A.A. - South Australian Archives.
- S.A.P.D. - South Australian Parliamentary Debates.
- S.D.A.C. - Salisbury Development Advisory Committee.
- L.R.W.E. - Long Range Weapons Establishment.
- S.N.P.A. - Salisbury North Progress Association.
- E. & W.S. - Engineering and Water Supply.
- G.M.H. - General Motors Holden.
- News Review - Elizabeth, Salisbury and Gawler News Review.

SUMMARY

During the years from 1939 to the mid-nineteen-sixties the township and district of Salisbury, in South Australia have been greatly changed by the policies and actions of 'planners'. The four most important changes which have been discussed, namely the wartime establishment of the munitions factory near Salisbury and of the Cabin Homes in the township, the development of the South Australian Housing Trust Estate at Salisbury North, the new Housing Trust town of Elizabeth and the subdivisions to the south of Salisbury, were all characterized by a lack of foresight on the part of those effecting them. The desire to find short term solutions for immediate problems, the desire on the part of governments to save money and on the part of private individuals to make money have all influenced the developments in Salisbury.

These years and these changes have seen the old township of Salisbury replaced by two cities in close proximity to each other. In the growth that has occurred insufficient attention has been given to the consequences and implications of the policies undertaken and little attempt has been made to integrate what remained of the district's long past into its new growth.