

Give Glenmore water plea

THE ASSEMBLY — Mr Rupert Lorimer, Progressive Federal Party member for Orange Grove, said yesterday he foresaw the government would have to use water from the Orange River scheme to make the planned Glenmore township viable.

Commenting on the disclosure by the Minister of Plural Relations, Dr Koornhof, that water was now being supplied to the township from boreholes and by abstraction from the Fish River, Mr Lorimer said planning of an adequate water supply

was overdue.

The Deputy Minister of Plural Relations, Dr W. L. Vosloo, who read Dr Koornhof's reply to questions by Mr Lorimer, stated investigations into finding a more permanent water supply had been completed. The details were being studied and a decision would be taken soon.

Mr Lorimer said unless Dr Koornhof came up with definite plans for water provision for the proposed township on the fringes of the Ciskei, the whole concept would be a failure.

"I am convinced water will have to be brought in from the Orange River scheme if Glenmore is to be made viable."

Mr Lorimer said the Minister of Water Affairs stated last year that water from the Orange River scheme belonged to white South Africa.

"If the government is to prove its sincerity in wanting to make the homelands viable, water is just going to have to be supplied from the Orange River scheme," he said.

He urged the Department of Plural Relations to formulate plans speedily for the provision of an adequate water supply. — PS.