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Minnie's death blamed on stomach disorders

MINNIE, the stayput Minke whale, was suffering from severe stomach disorders before she died.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority chairman, Mr Kellaher, released the findings of an autopsy on Minnie yesterday.

The post-mortem revealed the whale had chronic peritonitis, a chronic gastric ulcer and was starving.

But the autopsy could not give the exact cause of death.

Science watchdog calls for research

PRIVATE research into new technologies must be increased to avoid total Australian dependence on imports, a parliamentary science watchdog warned yesterday.

The chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Science and Environment, Senator Jessop, called on industry to increase its research and development effort.

In an address to the United Service Institution of South Australia in Adelaide, Senator Jessop (Lib, SA) said Australian industry had overlooked the basic aim of generating new products or processes

of potential economic significance.

Senator Jessop said only 50 per cent of research and development carried out in manufacturing was under Australian control.

"The danger in this is that our dependence may become passive, resulting in an injudicious importing of technology and the eventual shut-down of the existing low level of research and development," he said.

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Police also under fire

AMID rowdy scenes, Sydney City Council aldermen last night attacked "ineffectual" police attempts to stamp out prostitution in Darlinghurst residential areas.

By Civic Reporter
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Civic Reform aldermen condemned the council for ignoring the upsurge of street prostitution and brothels in Darlinghurst.

Protesting Darlinghurst residents in the public gallery produced placards, reading "Darlinghurst, paradise of pumps" and "We are sick of seeing prostitutes' privates in public places."

And the meeting was disrupted by insults flung between A.L.P. and Civic Reform aldermen and from the public gallery.

The row started when Civic Reform member, Alderman Brae Antcliffe, moved four motions calling for council, police, and State Government action against prostitution.

He said council informed police of about 30 suspected brothels so police

could provide it with evidence on which to base its own legal action.

But police had only returned affidavits on two establishments, he said.

Mr Antcliffe said police had treated council in a "contemptuous" manner in not providing the requested information.

Civic Reform leader, Alderman Jeremy Bingham, said the lives of residents had become intolerable.

ALP alderman, Terry Murphy, attacked the police for not using their powers to stop prostitution.

Public shouting

"There is only one solution, that is for the coppers to get off their backsides and prosecute prostitutes, whether they are on the streets or in their houses," he said.

The row flared when Mr Murphy told Mr Bingham to jump out a window. Mr Bingham shouted at him "shut up."

Later, Mr Bingham was required to withdraw his remark that Mr Murphy was "a sawn-off little runt."

NEWS EXTRA

HARRY HURRELL was yesterday elected national secretary of the Federated Ironworkers Association, replacing Laurie Short.