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mean?) In a sample room. There used to be a hotel--it burned down--many, many years ago in Sydney. They'd have in the base? ment--they'd have so many rooms just for sample rooms. Because all the travellers used to come down here, with the samples. And then they'd call up on the telephone. We'd have to go into Sydney and pick what we needed. We'd order it. (Was your husband wealthy?) No. (Did he need support to get started?) Well, you'd get so many days--like 30 days. And you'd just buy as much as you could pay within 30 days.... But we managed. (How long before you started your family?) I was married at 21 and I had my first child at 22. (So you're working in the store, but you're also a mother.) Oh, yes. (Did you work in the store when you were It all comes together... at the Sydport connection If you're looking for the ideal spot to locate your business, you should know about the Sydport connection. Strategically located, Sydport is accessible by road or by rail, by air and by sea, on transportation lines to everywhere. The Sydport connection offers: • serviced land available for lease or sale • buildings available for lease year-round harbour access
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