

## Role Cards

### **SAM WELLS MP for North Queenstown – a member of the SPNIP (Government Party)**

You are Prime Minister of St Philip. You read economics and geography at Oxford University 20 years ago and then returned to the island to lead the party which was once led by your father and which had abolished the old sugar plantations. Banana farms now owned by the people of St Philip have taken their place.

Lately you have become aware that the island cannot survive on its agricultural exports alone and so you have encouraged industrial and tourist developments. You have known about the Anchorage Bay proposal for some months.

- Q** Can you persuade all your colleagues in SPNIP to support the hotel complex proposal? You need to muster a full six votes in the Parliament for it to go through. (Or can you persuade one of the opposition or the Independent MP to support it?)

### **JESS WELLS MP for Queenstown Harbour – a member of the SPNIP (Government Party)**

You are related to Sam Wells, the Prime Minister, and have been a long-time campaigner for the interests and rights of women on the island. You are Chancellor of the Exchequer and know that St Philip is in debt. Your constituency contains many of the unemployed who have drifted from the countryside and the coastal villages looking for work. There is a banana-box factory which employs some of them, but little else.

- Q** Will the hotel complex provide more jobs? Will there be jobs for women? If so, is it not worth supporting at all costs?

### **EVELYN TALBOT MP for Queenstown Royal – a member of the SPNIP (Government Party)**

You are a member of one of the families of the sugar planters who once ruled St Philip when it was a colony. Your family stayed on after independence was granted to the island, and supported Sam Wells, Senior. You are Minister of Development and Transport and have been instrumental in persuading Holidays Inc. to bring forward the proposals for Anchorage Bay. You can see clearly the benefits it will bring to the economy of the island. Your constituency is the wealthiest part of Queenstown.

- Q** Whom do you need to convince about the desirability of the plans?

### **FREDDIE SOUTHCOTT MP for South Queenstown – a member of the SPNIP (Government Party)**

You own a small hotel. You are Minister of Tourism and Culture. You are an open advocate of more tourism as the only hope for the future. Your one worry is if the existing airport is developed, since the flight path of the runway already goes directly over your hotel, which is sited near the mouth of Queenstown Bay.

- Q** Can the plan for the hotel complex go forward without a bigger airport? Could you swallow your objections and support it if the airport is enlarged? Is there another possible airport site – say, in rural North Bay itself, nearer to the proposed complex?