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Dickie: Cult will be stopped

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THE State Government would make certain that scientology could not re-appear in Victoria, the Minister for Health, Mr Dickie, said yesterday.

Police would take action if necessary, to stop meetings of scientologists, he said.

Mr Dickie said that anyone who set

out willingly to teach scientology was in breach of the law banning the practice.

[Scientology was banned in Victoria under the Psychological Practice Act in December, 1965.

Last Sunday a meeting of six scientologists was held at Noble Park as the

"Dandenong congregation of the church of scientology."]

Mr Dickie said: "I examined the law today and it does appear to me that the Sunday night gathering does contravene the legislation."

He said that Crown Law Department officers were now making a detailed examination of the legal implications of the meeting

● Police planned no action against the "church of scientology" at this stage, the Chief Commissioner, Mr R. Arnold, said yesterday.

But he said police were carrying out an investigation of the meeting on Sunday night.

Sunday night's meeting was held at the home of Mr Harry Baess — the self-styled minister of the "church of scientology."

But last night Mr Harry Baess said at his home in Oakwood Av., Noble Park, he had no comment to make.

"I am sorry, but I have been advised by my solicitor to make no statement," he said.