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## PRIME MINISTER

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### THE QUEEN'S VISIT

I announced on 20 November 1980 that The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, would visit Australia in September and October 1981 to be present in Melbourne when the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting is held there and to visit Tasmania, Western Australia and South Australia.

The Queen has now approved a programme of engagements in Melbourne 26 September-3 October, Tasmania 5-6 October, Perth 6-9 October, and Adelaide 9-12 October.

Her Majesty will arrive at Melbourne Airport by RAAF Boeing 707 from London on Saturday evening, 26 September, and, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, will depart from Adelaide Airport for New Zealand on the morning of Monday 12 October.

Apart from engagements in connection with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Melbourne, the Queen's programme includes attendance at a variety of official, social, cultural, sporting and other engagements. Premiers will announce details of the programme for each State.

In Melbourne and Hobart, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will live on board the Royal Yacht BRITANNIA. Her Majesty will sail in the Royal Yacht from Melbourne to Hobart.

The Queen's air journeys within Australia will be by RAAF Boeing 707 and BAC 1-11 aircraft.

On some occasions, The Duke of Edinburgh will undertake a separate programme of engagements.

His Royal Highness will arrive in Australia for the first time during this visit on Wednesday 30 September for The Queen's dinner for Commonwealth Heads of Government in Melbourne, and will leave for overseas the following day, rejoining the Queen in Hobart on Monday 5 October.