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I am delighted that Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh have accepted my invitation on behalf of the Australian Government and people to visit Australia as part of our Bicentennial celebrations.

The Queen and Prince Philip will arrive in Australia in Perth on Tuesday 19 April and depart Australia from Canberra on Tuesday 10 May.

They will visit Western Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales and the ACT.

Highlights of the tour will be the opening of the new Parliament House in Canberra on Monday 9 May, the opening of World Expo '88 in Brisbane on 30 April, the opening of the Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre in Longreach on 29 April, and attendance at the Anzac Day ceremonies in Hobart on 25 April.

The visit will see Her Majesty and His Royal Highness travelling to a number of regional and outback centres such as Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Launceston, Geelong, Longreach and Albury.

Further details will be announced separately by the relevant State Premiers.

Between them, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and The Prince of Wales will visit all States and Territories during our Bicentenary.

It is especially appropriate that The Queen, as Queen of Australia, and The Duke of Edinburgh share in our Bicentennial celebrations and I know they will be given a warm welcome by all Australians during their tour.

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