



PRIME MINISTER

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President Bush and Mrs Bush will visit Australia as Guests of the Australian Government from 31 December 1991 to 3 January 1992. The President will arrive in Canberra on 31 December and spend 1 and 2 January there before travelling to Sydney on 3 January. He will leave for Singapore on the afternoon of 3 January.

In Canberra, he will have talks with myself and other senior Ministers, and the Cabinet; receive a call from the Leader of the Opposition; and meet a number of other groups including representatives of Australian farmers.

In Sydney, he will speak at a State lunch hosted by the NSW Premier, Mr Greiner, and will dedicate the American Gallery of the Australian National Maritime Museum.

President Bush's visit to Australia is part of his first major Asia-Pacific tour as President. Besides Australia he will visit Singapore, Japan and Korea.

President Bush's visit to Australia and to the Asia-Pacific region will provide an important opportunity for the President to reaffirm and redefine the US role in our region, in the wake of the dramatic global events in which he has played such a momentous part.

This visit will also help to reinforce the very strong bilateral ties between Australia and the United States and should prove an important landmark in the relationship.

I know that all Australians will join with me in warmly welcoming the President and Mrs Bush and their party to Australia.