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**RESIGNATION OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL
AND APPOINTMENT OF HIS SUCCESSOR**

The Prime Minister has announced this afternoon the Queen's acceptance of Mr Bill Hayden's resignation as Governor-General with effect from 15 February 1996 and the appointment of Sir William Deane as his successor.

The Governor-General Designate has released a statement.

Sir William and Lady (Helen) Deane are available for photographs this evening at 7.30 pm in Sir William's office at the High Court, Canberra. This will be a picture opportunity ONLY (two camera television pool, plus 4 still photographers, please). Entry will be via staff and legal practitioners entrance which is located off Parkes Place (on the south-eastern side of the High Court).

Sir William will be available for a media conference at the High Court (Judges' Common Room, same entrance as above) on Tuesday 22 August at 11.30am.

Media inquiries concerning Sir William's press conference should be directed to the Prime Minister's Press Office, (06) 277 7744.

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