



PRIME MINISTER

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

My Colleagues in Government and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

I believe 1972 offers us all a great opportunity to make real progress towards the fulfilment of our long term goals of security, progress and prosperity.

And I believe there are two main ingredients for success - confidence and co-operation.

There is no problem so great that it cannot be solved, but we must have a will to win and a readiness to meet each other half way.

The past year has had its problems. I do not wish to minimise them, but we must keep them in perspective.

Inflation, the rural crisis and industrial strife have proved troublesome at home. World prices for our international currency exchange rates have added to our difficulties.

We have been saddened by the tragedy of the war between India and Pakistan.

But I have every confidence in our future and I ask you to share that confidence.

So in 1972 let us press forward with the business of making Australia a better country for us all.

CANBERRA,
31st December, 1971.