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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER

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ROYAL VISIT 1974

The Queen and Prince Philip have been pleased to agree to the following dates for their visits to Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea and Australia in February/March next year.

Monday	11 February	)	Norfolk Island
to Tuesday	12 February	)	
Friday	22 February	)	Papua New Guinea
to Wednesday	27 February	)	
Wednesday	27 February	)	Canberra
to Friday	1 March	)	
Friday	1 March	)	Scuth Australia
to Tuesday	5 March	)	
Tuesday	5 March	)	Western Australia
to Friday	8 March	)	
Saturday	9 March	)	Northern Territory
to Sunday	10 March	)	

On the first stages of the visit The Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips will accompany The Queen and Prince Philip. The Royal Party will visit Norfolk Island and Papua New Guinea aboard the Royal Yacht BRITANNIA.

They will also accompany The Queen and Prince Philip on the flight from Port Moresby to Canberra on Wednesday 27 February but other commitments will make it necessary for them to return to London by air from Sydney on Thursday 28 February.

They will therefore leave Canberra by air for Sydney on Wednesday 27 February and stay overnight at Government House.

The Queen and Prince Philip will rejoin the Royal Yacht BRITANNIA at Darwin and leave Australia from there on Sunday 10 March 1974.

Consultations will now take place to prepare a program of engagements for the visit. These details will be publicly announced when approved.

CANBERRA, A.C.T.