

PRIME MINISTER

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MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

The Prime Minister today released the text of a message of congratulations to Mr Karamanlis, following the Greek elections at the weekend.

"To His Excellency Mr Constantine Karamanlis, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic.

In my message to you of 25 July this year I congratulated you on your restoration as Prime Minister and wished you well on your assumption of responsibility for conducting the affairs of your country. It now gives me the greatest pleasure to record the delight with which the Australian people in general, and in particular the very many men and women in Australia with bonds of family and affection for Greece, will welcome the manifestation in recent days of your success in restoring democracy to its birthplace. You have not only my warmest personal congratulations on your return to Government, but Greece itself and all political parties at the recent election deserve our admiration for their co-operation in a noble democratic enterprise. I very much look forward to meeting you in December to pass on to you personally the hopes of all Australians for success in the important tasks which face your new Government.

E.G. Whitlam"

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