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## PRIME MINISTER

### A NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Tomorrow is the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Commonwealth. It begins a year which we all know will be economically difficult.

If we are prepared to plan and work together I have complete confidence in our ability to overcome the challenges we face.

The Government is determined to work for all Australians, as the servant of the people.

We want to build a better and more just society, in which there is concern for the less well off, and in which individual and family ambitions can be achieved.

The Government intends to be one which helps people in time of trouble, and which helps individuals to be independent.

I wish all Australians, wherever they live and wherever they work, a happy and a prosperous New Year.