



PRIME MINISTER

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PNG PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, Mr Somare, and Mrs Somare, will visit Australia from 3 to 6 March.

They will be guests of the Australian Government.

Mr Somare will arrive in Sydney on 3 March, spend 4 to 5 March in Canberra, and then return to Sydney from where he will leave for New Zealand to attend a special meeting of the South Pacific forum.

The Australian Government is particularly pleased that Mr Somare has been able to make the visit to Australia so early in the life of the new Government.

This will be his first visit as Prime Minister of an independent Papua New Guinea.

The visit will provide a welcome opportunity for the two Prime Ministers to review the full range of relations between Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Australia attaches great importance to these relations and the Government will work energetically to develop them further in the years ahead.