



PRIME MINISTER

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SIR ROBERT MENZIES

It is with the deepest regret that I record tonight the death of Sir Robert Menzies.

All Australians will mourn his passing.

Sir Robert leaves an enduring mark on Australian history.

His time as Prime Minister, from 1949-1966, was a time of stability and growth.

He was the founder of the Liberal Party. He gave his Party and his country strength and inspiration.

I valued greatly his counsel and support, and his friendship. Like all other Australians I held Sir Robert in great respect and affection.

On behalf of all of us, I extend my deepest sympathy to Dame Pattie and to the other members of Sir Robert's family.

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