



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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VISIT BY KING AND QUEEN OF TONGA

The King and Queen of Tonga at the invitation of the Governor-General are to make a State Visit to Australia in October 1979.

It will be their first official visit to Australia and will be a significant occasion. King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV has had a long association with Australia firstly as a student at Newington College, Sydney and subsequently when attending the University of Sydney where he graduated in Arts and Law.

Consultations are to take place with the authorities in the States to be visited regarding a program of engagements for the visit and a further announcement will be made when the program has been approved.