



1981 Jan (1)  
1

# PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1981

## ERIC ROBINSON

I was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely death of my colleague Eric Robinson. With his passing, the Government, the Liberal Party and the nation have lost a man of energy and conviction.

Eric Robinson was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1972 as the Member for McPherson and was re-elected on four occasions. Since 1975 he served as Minister for the Capital Territory, Minister for Post and Telecommunications, Minister Assisting the Treasurer and Minister for Finance.

Prior to entering Federal Parliament and for a brief period after his entry, Eric Robinson was President of the Queensland Division of the Liberal Party of Australia and brought to that role the commitment and concern for Liberal values that characterised his political career.

There were times when Eric and I did not completely agree. But the strength of his beliefs; the vigour and forthrightness with which he pressed his convictions; together with his personal and unselfish efforts to many people within the Liberal Party whom he helped and guided - all these will continue to draw recognition and appreciation from us all.

On behalf of my colleagues in Government and all members of the Liberal Party, Tamie and I extend our deep sympathy to his family.

---000---