



PRIME MINISTER

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Order of Australia Knighthood for Prince Charles

I am delighted that Her Majesty The Queen, as Sovereign of the Order of Australia, has appointed His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales to be a Knight of the Order. On behalf of the Government and people of Australia, I congratulate His Royal Highness most sincerely.

I am particularly pleased that the announcement has been made at this time, on the day of the Privy Council meeting in London at which Her Majesty The Queen will signify her agreement to the marriage between His Royal Highness and The Lady Diana Spencer. The Australian Government is represented at that meeting by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Anthony.

His Excellency the Governor-General will present the insignia of the Order to His Royal Highness while he is in Australia on his forthcoming visit. This will give pleasure to us all.

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