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## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Tamie and I extend to all Australians our best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a satisfying New Year.

This is a good time of the year to look ahead to our hopes for our nation and our children, and to reflect upon the attitudes and actions which will help us achieve those hopes.

I believe that no nation has better prospects in the 1980s than Australia to achieve economic growth, to improve living standards for Australian families and maximise opportunities to build the way of life we want for ourselves.

Australia is in many ways an example of confidence and success to other countries, and we must make sure we do nothing to destroy that reputation or the achievements on which it is founded.

Australians are fortunate that we can be united as one people in our determination to make sure that Australia is the best country in the world for everyone, and we should not forget that Christmas is about peace and goodwill to all people.

It is very much a time for families, for families to reunite, for relatives, for friends, and I extend the compliments of the season, a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all Australians.

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