

## PRIME MINISTER

## FOR MEDIA

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## VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The President of the Commission of the European Communites,
Mr. Gaston Thorn, accompanied by his wife and officials,
will visit Australia from Thursday, 25 February to Monday,
l March,

I am looking forward to welcoming Mr. Thorn as the first President of the Commission to visit Australia.

The visit will provide an additional opportunity to further broaden and improve our relationship with the community.

The recent Australia/EC Ministerial discussions in Brussells has laid the foundation for a constructive and useful visit to Australia by Mr. Thorn.

As well as visiting Canberra the President will visit New South Wales and Western Australia, including the Pilbara region.