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JOINT STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER
AND THE PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Commonwealth Government is to make a gift of \$2 million to South Australia as a contribution to the State's Sesquicentennial celebrations in 1986.

The grant follows discussions between the Prime Minister and the Premier. It is in line with the Commonwealth Government's firm support for the Sesquicentennial celebrations in Western Australia which were celebrated in 1979 and those in Victoria which are to be celebrated in 1984-85.

The Commonwealth wishes the grant to be associated with a suitable project which would be identified as its gift to the people of South Australia. Further discussions are to be held to determine the nature of the project.