



PRIME MINISTER

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DR RICHARD ST BARBE BAKER

I was saddened to learn of the death last week of Dr Richard St Barbe Baker, the noted Canadian authority on trees.

Dr St Barbe Baker was Senior Patron of the Australian Year of the Tree Campaign which I launched on World Environment Day earlier this month.

Dr Baker was also well known as the founder of the international Men of the Trees movement. He had visited Australia several times most recently in March 1982, after he had accepted the Patronage of the Australian Year of the Tree.

All Australians will note with sadness the passing of Dr St Barbe Baker and acknowledge his long devotion to tree planting throughout the world. The Australian Year of the Tree campaign is a fitting memorial to his efforts.

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