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PRIME MINISTER

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PURCHASE OF HISTORIC KETCH "FALIE"

The Commonwealth Government is pleased to be associated with the purchase of the historic ketch "Falie" by the Government of South Australia. The Commonwealth has agreed to meet the full cost of \$180,000 for purchasing the vessel.

Last February the Premier of South Australia, Mr Tonkin, and I announced that the Commonwealth would make a gift of \$2 million to South Australia as a contribution to the State's Sesquicentennial celebrations in 1986. I believe that the purchase of the "Falie", in recognition of the importance of the coastal grain trade to the economic life of South Australia over many years, is a highly commendable project and worthy to receive this first instalment of the Commonwealth's \$2 million gift.

We wish the Government and people of South Australia well as they undertake the restoration of the "Falie".

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