



PRIME MINISTER

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RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR PHILIP McBRIDE, K.C.M.G.

I was saddened to learn of the death today of the Right Honourable Sir Philip McBride, K.C.M.G.

Sir Philip gave long and valued service to the national Parliament as a Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Grey from 1931 to 1937; as a Senator for South Australia from 1937 to 1944 and as a Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Wakefield from 1946 to 1958.

Sir Philip began his ministerial career as Minister for Supply and Development and Minister for

Munitions in the first Menzies Government and was the last surviving member of that first Menzies Ministry. During his long ministerial career he also held a variety of other ministerial offices, including the Defence portfolio from 1950-1958. After his retirement Sir Philip maintained his active interest in politics and was Federal President of the Liberal Party from 1960 to 1965.

He made a major contribution to the political life of Australia in peace and in war and to the Australian Government and I know the Australian people appreciated his long and distinguished service to this nation.

As well as being a notable political figure, Sir Philip was also a well known farmer and was for a period the President of the Stockowners Association of South Australia.

I offer my deepest sympathy to Lady McBride and their two surviving sons.

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