



## PRIME MINISTER

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### RESIGNATION FROM PARLIAMENT OF SIR PHILLIP LYNCH

I wish to express my personal regret at the circumstances which have led to the resignation of Sir Phillip Lynch from the Parliament.

Sir Phillip had been chosen by the electors of Flinders as their Member on six occasions since his first election in 1966. During his record term of 16 years as Member for Flinders Sir Phillip had made an exceptionally distinguished contribution to the Liberal Party, to the Government and to the country. He had been first appointed to the Army Ministry in 1968 and had subsequently held the portfolios of Immigration, Labour and National Service, Treasury, Finance and Industry and Commerce.

Sir Phillip's special understanding of economic and industry matters had brought a valuable perspective to Cabinet's consideration of these matters. His chairmanship of significant Cabinet Committees, particularly the Cabinet Budget Committee, was especially important in this context. Sir Phillip also played a key role as Chairman of the Review of Commonwealth Functions.

Sir Phillip's service to the Liberal Party was unique.

In his record term of 10 years as Deputy Leader of the Parliamentary Liberal Party, Sir Phillip had performed a critical role in organisational and liaison matters. I am particularly grateful for Sir Phillip's support over that period.

I fully respect and understand the reasons for Sir Phillip's decision to resign at this time. I am also sure that I am expressing the feelings of all my colleagues in wishing Sir Phillip and Lady Lynch every success and good health for the future.

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