

EMBARGO: 5.00PM

PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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VISIT TO SOUTH-WEST TASMANIA

At the suggestion and request of the Premier of Tasmania, I will be visiting the South-West Tasmania Wilderness Area tomorrow.

The senior Tasmanian Federal Minister, Kevin Newman, will accompany me on the visit.

I have decided that I should take the opportunity while I am in Tasmania to go out to the region and have a good look at the Gordon and Franklin Rivers.

I want to see for myself the country about which I have heard so much.

I have, of course, talked to Doug Anthony about his visit last week and I have the benefit of his views.