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Before my return to Australia from the 15th South Pacific Forum in Tuvalu I plan to visit Fiji on 29 and 30 August.

Australia and Fiji enjoy a close and constructive relationship with shared interests not only in the activities of the South Pacific Forum and the South Pacific Commission but also in wider international bodies such as the Commonwealth and the United Nations.

Mrs Hawke and I had the pleasure of meeting Fiji's Prime Minister Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara and Adi Lady Mara among other guests at the South Pacific Forum Meeting in Canberra last August, which I hosted.

Regional issues such as the future of New Caledonia and the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone proposal are expected to be discussed extensively at the Forum by the Heads of Government of the region.

My visit to Fiji will allow Ratu Mara and myself to focus on matters affecting the bilateral relationship and on international issues of mutual concern.

The South Pacific Forum will meet on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 August at Funafuti, Tuvalu.

An informal meeting of Heads of Government will be held on Sunday 26 August at Amatuku.

The itinerary is:

Saturday 25 August	Depart Australia
Sunday 26 August	Arrive Tuvalu
Wednesday 29 August	Depart Tuvalu Arrive Fiji
Thursday 30 August	Depart Fiji Arrive Canberra