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PRIME MINISTER

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Their Excellencies the Governor-General of New Zealand and Lady Beattie are to make a State Visit to Australia from Wednesday, October 31 to Wednesday, November 7 1984.

They will visit Canberra and Victoria.

It will be the first official visit to Australia by a Governor-General of New Zealand since the visit of Sir Arthur and Lady Porritt in 1971 and will be made at the invitation of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Stephen.

The visit demonstrates the continuing close relationship between Australia and New Zealand.

During their visit to Canberra Sir David and Lady Beattie will stay at Government House. Whilst in Melbourne they will stay at Government House as the guests of the Governor of Victoria and Lady Murray.