



## PRIME MINISTER

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Neville Wran's decision to stand down as Premier on July 4 marks the end of a decade of outstanding service to the ALP, New South Wales and Australia.

Under his leadership the NSW Labor Government has provided that state with a decade of continuous, comprehensive and consistent reform.

At all times during my term as Prime Minister I have found Neville Wran willing to act in the best interests of both New South Wales and Australia.

The national achievement of the past three years - above all the creation of 670,000 new jobs - could never have been reached without a Labor Government in New South Wales.

Despite the persistent and unprincipled attacks upon Neville Wran's character by his political opponents he has emerged with his reputation and integrity untarnished and holds a place in the first rank of Australian politics.