



PRIME MINISTER

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I warmly congratulate Peter Dowding as Western Australia's new Premier-elect.

I am confident that the election of Mr Dowding will ensure that the popular, stable and forward-thinking leadership provided by his predecessor, Mr Brian Burke, over the past five years will continue in Western Australia.

Mr Dowding will bring to his Premiership wide experience and a strong social conscience, particularly in the youth area, and is certain to build on Labor's substantial record of achievement in Western Australia.

I know that the close relationship that exists between my Government and the WA Government will continue under his leadership, and I look forward to working with him.

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