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**PRIME MINISTER**

FOR MEDIA

9 AUGUST 1988

I have today sent the following message to Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of York:

The news of the Royal Birth has been received with delight throughout Australia. The people and the Government of Australia join with my wife and me in offering our congratulations on this joyous occasion to you both.

We look forward with much pleasure to your coming visit to Australia in this our Bicentennial year.