

## PRIME MINISTER

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The Right Honourable David Lange MP, Prime Minister of New Zealand, will make an official visit to Australia with Mrs Lange from Monday 15 to Sunday 21 August. The visit is in response to my invitation to him to come to Australia during the Bicentenary and reciprocates my own visit to New Zealand last November.

Mr and Mrs Lange will spend time in Brisbane, Canberra and Sydney. The New Zealand Prime Minister will attend World Expo 88 in Brisbane as his country's National Day guest and have discussions in Canberra with me and senior Ministers focusing on a range of bilateral and regional issues. In Sydney he will formally hand over the vessel Akarana, New Zealand's bicentennial gift to Australia.