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**PRIME MINISTER**

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At the invitation of Prime Minister Rabbie Namaliu, I will make an official visit to Papua New Guinea from Sunday 2 September to Thursday 6 September.

Papua New Guinea is one of Australia's most important regional neighbours, with which we share many strategic, political and economic interests.

My visit to Papua New Guinea will return Mr Namaliu's visit to Australia last year.

During the visit I will hold discussions with the Prime Minister and members of his government on a range of matters of mutual interest, involving the bilateral relationship and broader regional developments.

I will also meet with members of the Australian business community, and travel to important regional centres.