



PRIME MINISTER

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The Chairman of the Australian selectors, Lawrie Sawle, and I have chosen the following players for the Prime Minister's XI team to play England at Manuka Oval on 4 December:

Allan Border (Captain)	Queensland
Trevor Bayliss	New South Wales
Michael Bevan	New South Wales
Darren Lehmann	Victoria
Craig McDermott	Queensland
Mark McPhee	Western Australia
Paul Reiffel	Victoria
Gavin Robertson	Tasmania
Joe Scuderi	South Australia
Rod Tucker	Tasmania
Mike Veletta	Western Australia
Shane McNamee (12th man)	ACT

I feel this side has a very good balance of experience and youth, and is proof of the depth of talent in Australian first-class cricket.

The experience of players like Allan Border, Craig McDermott and Mike Veletta will be invaluable to the side, with Veletta's dual role as a keeper/batsman providing extra strength to the upper-order batting.

The team also contains a wealth of potential, with proven young players - Trevor Bayliss, Darren Lehmann, Gavin Robertson, Rod Tucker, Mark McPhee and Paul Reiffel - giving it formidable strength.

The influence of the AIS Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy continues to show through, with two graduates - Joe Scuderi and Michael Bevan - in the side again.

I am confident this team will provide stiff opposition to an English side anxious to prove it is world-class, and the players we have chosen for the Prime Minister's XI are sure to provide skilful and entertaining cricket.