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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP MEETING WITH PREMIERS AND CHIEF MINISTERS

I am writing to the Premiers and Chief Ministers proposing that they meet on 11 May in Canberra to advance a range of measures for improving national economic and structural efficiency, including measures announced in my recent Statement, "One Nation", and other issues of concern to the States.

It is important for the nation as a whole that the States and the Commonwealth work co-operatively on the matters that are of concern to them and join forces to advance the reform agenda.

I very much welcome the indication from all Premiers and Chief Ministers of their willingness to work co-operatively with the Commonwealth to progress urgent reforms, particularly in the areas of training, transport and electricity, that were given prominence in the "One Nation" Statement.

Premiers and Chief Ministers will be advised of arrangements for the annual financial Premiers' Conference in the near future.

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