



PRIME MINISTER

ADDRESS BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P.J. KEATING, MP
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Premier Greiner and Mrs Greiner, Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen

Thank you for the invitation to speak to you this morning.

A couple of weeks ago I addressed a huge number of people gathered at the Melbourne Tennis Centre to raise money for the Australian Olympic Team bound for Barcelona.

If their support for the cause is any measure, Sydney's bid for the Olympics in the year 2000 will ride a huge wave.

I have to say in passing that it was a great pity that Melbourne's quite superb bid for the 96 Olympics was unsuccessful - the people associated with that effort and the people of Melbourne deserved much better.

But I have no doubt that all those who put their energy into that effort will now put their energy into Sydney.

Just as Melbourne's was, this is a national bid - an Australian bid.

It requires a national effort.

In many ways Melbourne's bid provided a solid foundation for the Sydney bid.

Many of the strengths of the argument for Melbourne can be translated to Sydney.

Their bid made the point that it would be only the second time in the history of the modern Olympics that the Games have been held in the Southern Hemisphere.

The point was made so well by Melbourne it need not be emphasised by the Sydney Committee.

Sydney can concentrate on the other compelling reasons why the Games should come south.