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## PRIME MINISTER

**STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING, MP  
MESSAGE TO THE OLYMPIC TEAM**

The following message was read out by John Coates, President of the Australian Olympic Committee, on behalf of the Prime Minister at a reception for the Australian Olympic Team in Barcelona on Wednesday evening (Thursday morning Australian time):

Let me take this opportunity to extend to you my very best wishes for the great challenges which lie ahead of you in Barcelona.

You can be sure that all your fellow Australians are hoping that your talents, your hard work and your dedication will be rewarded.

In representing Australia at the Olympic Games you have already brought a great honour on yourselves. We all now hope that your Olympic dreams will be fulfilled.

I know that you will live up to the great traditions of Australian Olympians and represent your country with dignity, spirit and - we hope - success.

I only ask that in Barcelona you pass on the word that Sydney would be a great place to hold the Olympics in 2000!

All Australia is behind you. All Australia is wishing you the very best of luck.

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