



**PRIME MINISTER**

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**STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P.J. KEATING MP  
SIR ROBERT MULDOON**

I sent today the following condolence message to the New Zealand Prime Minister on the occasion of the death of Sir Robert Muldoon:

I was saddened today to learn of Sir Robert Muldoon's death.

Sir Robert will be remembered as a significant national leader who played a prominent role in regional affairs. He also contributed greatly to our important bilateral relationship. He was a strong advocate of the Closer Economic Relations agreement, which has been of such benefit to both our countries.

I should be grateful if you could pass my condolences, and those of the Australian Government and people, to Lady Muldoon and Sir Robert's family.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Howe, will represent the Australian Government at the funeral for Sir Robert which will be held on Friday morning in Auckland.

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