



PRIME MINISTER

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP AUSTRALIAN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AWARD

I am pleased to announce today the launch of the inaugural Australian Heads of Government Violence Prevention Award.

The Award will be given to outstanding practical projects which clearly contribute to making Australia a less violent society. It will be made on an annual basis and will be for a total of up to \$100,000.

The Award is one of a number of important Commonwealth initiatives supported by Premiers and Chief Ministers last year to reduce violence in Australia.

The Award is designed to encourage anti-violence initiatives and to assist governments in identifying and developing violence prevention programs. It represents a firm commitment by all Australian governments to make Australia a safer society.

The Award is open to any individual or organisation making an exceptional contribution to reducing violence within Australia, or having the clear potential to make such a contribution.

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