

**PRIME MINISTER**

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**STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP**

Her Majesty The Queen has indicated her view that it is appropriate that Australian citizens should be recognised exclusively by the Australian system of honours, of which she is proud to be the Sovereign.

Accordingly I have consulted with the Premiers of all States and we have agreed that Australian Governments, both State and Commonwealth, will henceforth cease to make recommendations for British honours.

The change I have announced does not exclude the possibility of The Queen, as Queen of Australia, honouring her Australian subjects with an award within her own personal Order, the Royal Victorian Order, nor those other honours which are wholly within her own gift, namely the Orders of the Garter, Thistle and Merit.

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