



# **PRIME MINISTER**

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

### **VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY THE PRINCE OF WALES**

Further to my Statement to Parliament of 28 September, I am pleased to confirm that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales will visit Australia from 24 January to 5 February.

His Royal Highness will visit New South Wales, Tasmania, Western Australia and Queensland. The detailed program has been settled in conjunction with St. James's Palace and the relevant States.

Features of the Prince of Wales' visit to New South Wales will include participation in Sydney's Australia Day celebrations at Darling Harbour; and a visit to Parkes and Forbes to meet farmers. He will also hold a meeting of his Business Leaders' Forum. In Tasmania the Prince will visit Hobart; spend a day in Strahan and Queenstown, with a focus on the mining and tourist industries; and visit Launceston to see work on the Railway Yards restoration project. In Western Australia he will visit Perth, hold discussions with youth trainees engaged on restoration work; and visit a child health institute. He will visit Karratha to view the Woodside LNG plant, and Deep Gorge Aboriginal site. In Queensland, His Royal Highness will visit Gladstone, Bundaberg and Fraser Island.

Details of the State programs will be announced by the relevant State Premiers.

This will be His Royal Highness's twelfth visit to Australia: he last visited in 1988.

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