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VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

I am pleased to announce that the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, His Excellency Amata Kabua, and Mrs Kabua will make a State visit to Australia, as guests of the Australian Government, from 5 to 12 December. They will be accompanied by the Republic's Foreign Minister, the Honourable Tom Kijiner.

President Kabua will also be accompanied by a trade and investment mission which will brief Australian businesses on opportunities for investment in, and trade with, the Marshall Islands at a series of seminars to be held in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. The President will deliver a keynote address at each of the seminars.

In addition to the opportunity which the visit offers for a constructive dialogue on South Pacific regional and international issues of mutual interest, especially in the context of the South Pacific Forum, it will underline and strengthen of the already warm and cooperative links between Australia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

President Kabua last visited Australia in September 1988.

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