

**PRIME MINISTER**

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P.J. KEATING MP**FUNERAL OF THE LATE PRESIDENT OF FIJI**

The Governor-General, the Hon Bill Hayden AC, will represent Australia at the funeral of the late President of Fiji, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau. The funeral will take place on 29 December in Fiji.

Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau was a respected leader who will be remembered for his outstanding contribution to his country. He also had a long association with Australia. His passing is a sad loss for Fiji and the Pacific region.

It is a mark of our great respect for the late President that the Governor-General will attend the funeral ceremonies next week.

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