



## **PRIME MINISTER**

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

**VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND,  
MR ALBERT REYNOLDS, TD, 17-25 SEPTEMBER 1994**

I am very pleased to announce that the Taoiseach, Mr Albert Reynolds, will be visiting Australia from 17-25 September as a guest of the Australian Government.

I am delighted that, following my own visit to Ireland in September 1993, Prime Minister Reynolds has been able to accept my invitation to come here. He will be in Canberra from 20-22 September and he will also visit Perth, Melbourne and Sydney.

Australia's relations with Ireland are close, friendly and longstanding. The Irish community in Australia has played an important role in the development of Australia's history and its culture. Bilateral cultural links are strong and tourism flows in both directions have increased in recent years. I look forward to discussing both bilateral and international issues with Prime Minister Reynolds and to hearing his views on the Northern Ireland peace process, in which he has been closely involved.

Mr Reynolds will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs Kathleen Reynolds.

**CANBERRA**  
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