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**PRIME MINISTER**

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

**PRIME MINISTER'S RURAL AND REGIONAL TASKFORCE**

I am pleased to announce that the Rural and Regional Taskforce headed by the Member for Page, Mr Harry Woods, will visit Rockhampton and surrounding areas this week.

The Taskforce, which will be accompanied by Marjorie Henzell MP, Member for Capricornia, will meet local government representatives to discuss regional development issues. It will also take the opportunity to discuss with local farming groups and interested bodies the ongoing problems caused by the drought.

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