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# PRIME MINISTER

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

### MR GREINER AND "GUTLESS" POLITICS

According to an AAP report, the former Liberal Premier of NSW, Nick Greiner, has accused the Leader of the Opposition, John Howard, of adopting a "gutless approach" to political leadership.

Mr Greiner is reported to have said that John Howard had adopted "totally risk-averse" politics, and that this style of political expediency "is having and will continue to have a deleterious effect on the way this country develops."

Here we have, from within the Liberal Party itself, an astute and damning assessment of John Howard's political leadership.

As Mr Greiner has confirmed, John Howard will try dishonestly to skate under the electoral wire, revealing as few of his policies as possible.

Mr Greiner said it was good politics, but bad for the nation.

I say it is bad for the nation, and bad politics.

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