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

AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC - INFORMATION ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL

The Government's proposal for the move to a Republic was outlined in a speech delivered on June 7 this year - "An Australian Republic- the Way Forward". In the speech, I put forward the arguments in support of the Government's view that the Head of State of Australia should be an Australian.

To encourage a wider understanding of the issues surrounding the Government's proposal, an information kit has been prepared for public release.

The information kit contains a copy of :

- the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia;
- the Prime Minister's speech of 7 June 1995 announcing the Government's proposal;
- a pamphlet outlining the Government's proposal; and
- a Question and Answer booklet containing answers to commonly asked questions about the move to a Republic.

Members of the public can obtain the information kit free of charge by telephoning the Australian Government Publishing Service hotline: 008 020049.

In addition to the kit, the outline of the Government's proposal has been translated into sixteen languages (attached). These are available through the Office of Multicultural Affairs publications hotline telephone number (06) 241 4841.

Documents in the kit are also available through the Internet world wide web at :
URL <http://www.nla.gov.au/pmc/republic.html>

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**TRANSLATIONS OF THE OUTLINE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S
PROPOSAL**

ARABIC

CHINESE

CROATIAN

GREEK

ITALIAN

KHMER

LAO

MACEDONIAN

PERSIAN

POLISH

PORTUGUESE

RUSSIAN

SERBIAN

SPANISH

TURKISH

VIETNAMESE