



# **PRIME MINISTER**

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

**ANDREW OLLE**

It was with deep regret that I learned tonight of Andrew Olle's death.

For many years he has been among Australia's most distinguished, respected and admired journalists. The news of his fatal illness came as a terrible shock not only to those who knew him personally and professionally, but to those millions of Australians who knew him through radio and television.

His tragically premature death is a great loss to his profession and to Australian public life.

It is also, of course, a terrible loss to his wife and family and friends and to them I extend my deepest sympathy.

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