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PRIME MINISTER

NEW ZEALAND VISIT

I will make an official visit to New Zealand from February 15-17.

The visit will be my first opportunity for a meeting with my New Zealand counterpart, Mr Jim Bolger, following the formation of the New Zealand Coalition Government.

It will also enable me to meet members of the New Zealand Government including the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Winston Peters.

Australia already has strong ties with New Zealand. We are New Zealand's largest trading partner while New Zealand ranks as Australia's third largest trading partner.

The visit will build on these strong trade links and also focus on other areas of shared interest and concern.

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