



PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY CHANCELLOR KOHL

The Chancellor of Germany, Dr Helmut Kohl, will visit Australia from 2 to 7 May. The Chancellor will be a most welcome guest.

Chancellor Kohl's leadership and vision have played a crucial role in shaping the momentous developments in Germany and Europe during the past decade.

Australia's close and extensive relations with Germany have long had a strong personal foundation since many Germans settled in Australia last century.

The Chancellor's visit is a valuable opportunity to reaffirm the importance of the relationship between our countries and our shared commitment to expanding our ties.

I also look forward to discussing with the Chancellor the scope for cooperation between Australia and Germany in pursuing our economic interests in the Asia-Pacific and in Europe.

Dr Kohl will visit Canberra, Sydney and Port Douglas. He will be accompanied by a delegation of ministers, parliamentarians and business leaders.

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