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MEDIA RELEASE

Visit to Tasmania of a class of school children from New Caledonia

from 12 to 19 May 2010

At the invitation of the Mayor of Glamorgan-Spring Bay (Tasmania), Mr Bertrand Cadart, a class of students from an underprivileged school of Montravel in Noumea (New Caledonia) will visit Australia from 12 to 19 May 2010. Senior representatives from the South Province of New Caledonia will accompany the group of 11 students with its teacher, Mrs Françoise Watt, who will give several concerts during their visit to Tasmania.

In Tasmania the delegation will be received by the Governor of Tasmania, His Excellency The Honourable Peter Underwood AC, and Mrs F. Underwood, at Government House. It will also be met in the Hobart Town Hall by the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Rob H. F. Valentine. Other meetings are planned during the "From France to Freycinet" Festival organised on the east coast of Tasmania in the Glamorgan-Spring Bay Municipality, by its Mayor of French origin Mr Bertrand Cadart.



The objective of this visit, which is characterised by camaraderie, is to provide this class of students with the opportunity to take part in a cultural visit to Australia, the highlight being the Festival in Tasmania. This will allow them to enjoy themselves and gain an enriching and unforgettable experience of Australia and in particular Tasmania.

This initiative of shared support for children from an underprivileged school in Noumea is in keeping with the efforts of France to increase relations between New Caledonia and Australia.

Media will be invited to film and attend these events (Government House excepting). The Mayor of Glamorgan-Spring Bay, Mr Bertrand Cadart, will be available for interviews.

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