

# Statement

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On behalf of our Government, and every Victorian, we offer our deep condolences to His Majesty King Charles III, The Royal Family, and all those mourning the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Very few of us know a world without The Queen in it.

Her presence spanned countries, cultures, language, and continents – her reign transcended decades and generations.

And like no monarch before her, she captured our hearts and our affection.

We treasured her, and the entire world respected her.

Queen Elizabeth II served with grace and uncompromising dignity – she raised the bar and blazed a path for women in power to follow.

And through many of our darkest hours, through war and catastrophe, her steady hand and unwavering strength stood as a symbol of hope and assurance when it was needed most.

Queen Elizabeth II visited Victoria 11 times – and during those trips, she left her mark on the state we know today.

She talked with patients and families at the Royal Children's – and opened our Commonwealth Games.

She rode a tram around the Hoddle grid, watched Richmond win at the MCG, and caught a show at the Princess Theatre.

She travelled across the state – visiting Tatura, Echuca, Rochester, Castlemaine, Maryborough, Ballarat and Geelong - touching so much of what makes Victoria special.

Her historic reign and long life has come to an end, but Victorian's deep affection and respect for Her Majesty lives on.

May she rest in peace.