

Statement

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The Victorian Government extends its sincere condolences to His Majesty King Charles III and The Royal Family in their time of mourning following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

As is appropriate, the State Government respects the period of national mourning and will adhere to the relevant protocols at this time.

At an appropriate and respectful time, we will support a formal invitation to His Majesty King Charles III to visit Victoria as Head of the Commonwealth and open the 2026 Commonwealth Games - as his mother, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, did in 2006.

Victorians have many happy memories of Her Majesty's time in our state, opening our Games, visiting our regional cities and towns and her affection for our state and its people will always be remembered.

Victoria and the Royal Family have a deep and enduring connection, one which will only be strengthened as we embark on our shared journey to celebrate Victoria 2026.