

# Proclamation

*The City of Canberra and the City of Beijing believe that the development of friendly relations and co-operation between the two cities on a people-to-people basis and the promotion of mutual understanding and goodwill between the citizens of both cities will greatly contribute to the enhancement of friendly relations between Australia and China, consequently playing a significant role in the peace and prosperity of the region.*

*Furthering the existing friendly relations the two cities hereby agree to proclaim the establishment of a sister city affiliation for the promotion of a wide range of exchange activities in such fields as business, culture, sports, education, technology, social welfare, environmental management, tourism and the like.*

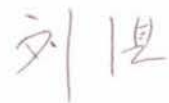
*It is in confirmation of the above that the Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory and the Mayor of Beijing hereby affix their signatures to this agreement in Canberra on this 14th Day of September 2000.*

Kate Carnell MLA



Chief Minister  
Australian Capital Territory  
Australia

Liu Qi



Mayor  
People's Government of Beijing Municipality  
People's Republic of China