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In Conversation: Hawke and Howard with Annabel Crabb

Airs Wednesday, August 16, 8pm on ABC NEWS

To celebrate the 90th anniversary of the opening of Old Parliament House, two of its most famous occupants return for a broad ranging discussion about politics, power, and life in Australia today.

The ABC's Annabel Crabb will sit down with former Prime Ministers Bob Hawke and John Howard in a special live event, exclusive to ABC NEWS.

"It's now a decade since an Australian Prime Minister last served a full term in office. We live in a time of epic turbulence – domestically and internationally – and shortened attention spans both for politics and policy. What a privilege to be able to draw upon these two elder statesmen, under the very roof where they had their start as leaders," said Annabel.

Both men started their Federal political careers at Old Parliament House before moving up the hill when the new parliament building opened in 1988.

Between them they held Australia's highest elected office for 19 years. Bob Hawke was Prime Minister between 1983 – 1991 and John Howard remains the nation's second longest-serving Prime Minister, leading the Coalition in government between 1996 – 2007.

They remain two of the country's most venerable elder statesmen.

In Conversation: Hawke and Howard airs on the ABC NEWS channel from 8pm AEST, Wednesday 16th August.

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