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Siri to sing national anthem at State of Origin

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YOUR personal assistant Siri will have her dream come true at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

Karen Jacobsen will sing the Australian national anthem at the State of Origin match - and if her name doesn't sound familiar, her voice definitely will.

Ms Jacobsen is the international voice of Siri and she said the success of being inside millions of smartphones has nothing on the thrill she will have while performing at the State of Origin.

"I'm absolutely over the moon (to perform)," she said.

"It's great coming back to my home state and to perform at such an iconic game. It was definitely something on the life list. And there's nothing like being under a Queensland sky."

And despite having more than 300 million people around the world already listening to her voice, Ms Jacobsen said she has such a "high state of anticipation" to sing in front of a near sellout crowd of 52,000 people.

"To me, it's a real honour to perform in front of a home crowd. I'm a really proud Queenslander."

Ms Jacobsen, who lives in the US, is the voice behind the Australian Siri and provides audio directions in more than 100 million GPS units.

A Queenslander born and bred, Ms Jacobsen said she tries to get back to visit family and friends a couple of times each year.

Her trip back to Australia also coincides with the release of her new book, *Recalculate*.