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VICTORIAN ELECTION RESULT

Comment by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt.

Sir Henry Bolte is to be congratulated on a notable political victory and a personal triumph.

It is a real achievement to be confirmed with so large a majority after 12 years in office.

The result is a tribute to his firm, forthright, positive and constructive leadership. The people of Victoria clearly want a party which stands for all sections of the community and is strong enough to resist sectional pressures.

The result reflects the strength of Liberalism in Victoria and is consistent with the result there in the Federal elections.

It is to be hoped that the Legislative Council will respect the sweeping mandate given to the Premier and his Government in the Legislative Assembly. He has the entitlement of democratic endorsement to go steadily ahead with the programme he placed before the electorate.

It is good to know I can look forward to a continuance of the constructive cooperation which has marked my own relationship as Leader of the Federal Government with Sir Henry in his capacity as Leader of the Government of Victoria.

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