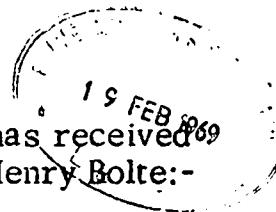


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"THANK YOU" FROM VICTORIA

The Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton, has received
the following letter from the Premier of Victoria, Sir Henry Bolte:-



"I would be glad if you would convey to your colleagues the gratitude and appreciation felt by the people of Victoria, the government, and myself, for the wonderful co-operation and assistance given by Commonwealth authorities in the rail accident involving the Southern Aurora on the 7th February.

In particular I would like to mention the prompt co-operation given by the Department of Civil Aviation, the Army, the Commonwealth Railways, and the Postmaster-General's Department. All of these contributed very materially to the successful operations which, I believe, prevented the disaster from becoming far worse than it was."

CANBERRA
17 February 1969