



PRIME MINISTER

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NEW SOUTH WALES FLOODS

The Prime Minister Mr Fraser said today that it was a matter of particular concern that lives had been lost in the current floods in N.S.W.

Mr Fraser extended his sincere sympathy to the relatives of those who have been lost and to all those people of New South Wales affected by the floods.

The Prime Minister has assured the Premier that the Commonwealth, as agreed under the natural disaster assistance arrangements, stands ready to provide financial support to the State for the relief measures Mr Wran has announced.

"Once again", Mr Fraser said, "we must all pay tribute to the wonderful work of the State Emergency Services and the Armed Forces in their efforts to prevent further loss of life".

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