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"CYCLONE HAZEL"

- WESTERN AUSTRALIA STORM DAMAGE

The Prime Minister has telexed the Premier offering all possible Commonwealth assistance to the people of Western Australia affected by storm damage arising from Cyclone "Hazel".

"I learned with concern of the damage and flooding inflicted on the north-west of the State, particularly at Carnarvon and Geraldton", Mr Fraser said.

"The joint financial arrangements to support disaster relief will, of course, apply automatically for a wide range of agreed measures".

The Prime Minister also said that he had asked the Premier to keep him informed.