



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

13 January, 1980

CYCLONE AMY

The Prime Minister today sent a message to the Premier of Western Australia offering Commonwealth assistance following damage caused by Cyclone Amy.

Mr Fraser noted that the way in which the State Emergency Services had handled this cyclone demonstrated what careful planning could do to avoid injuries.

The liaison between the various authorities involved in disaster planning had been most effective.

"The Natural Disasters Organisation in Canberra had been in constant touch with Western Australia and I was continually informed of the progress of the cyclone", Mr Fraser said.

"I have asked the Premier to pass to those concerned my congratulations on their efforts.

"At the same time, I extend sincere best wishes to those who have suffered. We must all, however, be grateful that there was no loss of life on this occasion".