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DAWSON BY-ELECTION

Comment by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

Dr. Patterson is to be congratulated on his impressive victory.

By-elections are notoriously unreliable guides to the state of public thinking on national issues, and the special local features of this campaign put the result very much in that category.

However, when the full details are available, we shall be studying the vote and its implications closely.

CANBERRA,
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