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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATURAL GAS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

The South Australian Premier today placed before us his State's request for finance necessary to install a natural gas supply pipeline.

Mr. Walsh is not contemplating a direct loan from the Commonwealth but did want various possibilities examined (point made in briefing only and not for attribution..... Most practical course, if acceptable to other Premiers, would be a special allocation under the semi-governmental programme)

The Premier handed over a documented case of 20 pages. This will require detailed study by appropriate departments and will then be considered by Cabinet. It will be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

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