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MEETING TO DISCUSS BARRIER REEF ENQUIRY

The Prime Minister has received the following telegram from the Premier of Queensland, Mr Bjelke-Petersen :-

"REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM YESTERDAY. CABINET HAS AGREED THAT MY MINISTER FOR MINES, MY ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MYSELF MEET YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH YOU PROPOSE."

Following is the text of the Prime Minister's reply :-

"GLAD YOU AGREE TO MY SUGGESTION THAT DRILLING ON OR NEAR THE REEF IS SUSPENDED PENDING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SPECIFIC MATTER OF POSSIBLE DANGER TO THE REEF. WILL BE GLAD TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE. SUGGEST MEETING BE HELD IN CANBERRA AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY 29 JANUARY."

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