The Prime Minister, the Right Honourable J.G. Gorton, M.P. issued the following statement today on the death of the late Mr. Jim Fraser, M.P. for the A.C.T.

Jim Fraser will be missed - both as a man and as a dedicated representative of the citizens of Canberra.

Although we were politically opposed I have always known him as a thoroughly good, decent, and able man. He had no touch of malice or mean-mindedness anywhere about him.

I am sure that all Members of Parliament will be genuinely saddened at losing him - and I extend, to his wife, son, and brother our very real condolences.

I hope that it may comfort them to reflect that throughout his life he did his duty as he saw it courageously and to the utmost of his capacity.

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