



# PRIME MINISTER

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## QUEENSLAND CYCLONE

### Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. William McMahon

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. William McMahon, M.P., today sent the following telegram to the Acting Premier of Queensland, the Hon. G. W. Chalk, M.L.A.

"I HAVE YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT THE DISASTROUS CYCLONE IN NORTH QUEENSLAND. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT I EXPRESS DEEP SYMPATHY TO THE RELATIVES OF THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES AND TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INJURED AND OTHERWISE AFFECTED BY THE CYCLONE.

WE ARE READY TO JOIN WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT IN PROVIDING FINANCE FOR THE RELIEF OF PERSONAL HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS IN THE AFFECTED AREAS.

THE CO-OPERATION OF COMMONWEALTH FACILITIES IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE.

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Canberra,  
25 December, 1971.