



PRIME MINISTER

FOR PRESS:

PM. No. 77/1972

OIL DISPUTE

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt.

Hon. William McMahon, CH, MP.

All Australians will welcome the end of the oil strike, with the prospect of the life of the community being quickly returned to normal.

This solution by Mr. Justice Moore vindicates the value of the conciliation and arbitration system. It also vindicates the Government's determination to protect the public interest, if necessary, with emergency measures by Parliament.

This action obviously created a favourable climate in which a proper solution could be found.

I have accordingly informed the presiding officers that I do not now seek a meeting of Parliament tomorrow.

CANBERRA,
3rd August, 1972.