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FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS

In a statement today, the Prime Minister said:

"The Government has reason to believe that the Government of France has exploded today another nuclear device in the Pacific.

The previous French tests have attracted world-wide opposition. I am sure that this latest test will be equally condemned. The Australian Government will take all appropriate steps to bring to a halt these dangerous experiments, which are carried out in defiance of law and morality."