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NICARAGUAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr E.G. Whitlam, announced today that Australia is to give assistance worth \$A25,000 towards the relief of the victims of the Nicaraguan earthquake.

Mr Whitlam said he was appalled to learn of the extent of the damage and loss of life caused by the earthquake.

Australians would, he said, join with him in conveying their heartfelt sympathy to the government and people of Nicaragua.