



PRIME MINISTER

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ASSISTANCE TO NEW SOUTH WALES TO ALLEVIATE FLOOD DAMAGE

The Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, announced today that he had informed the Premier of New South Wales that the Australian Government would join with the New South Wales Government in the normal manner in assistance for the relief of personal hardship and distress arising from the widespread flooding now affecting a number of areas in New South Wales.

Mr. Whitlam said that the Australian Government was deeply concerned about the distress and damage being suffered by people affected by the flooding.

Mr. Whitlam indicated that the expenditure covered by his Government's offer included the provision of food, clothing, shelter and repairs to homes to make them habitable and secure.

The Prime Minister went on to say that he had assured the Premier that the Australian Government would look quickly and sympathetically at proposals for assistance for other purposes.

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