



## PRIME MINISTER

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### DARWIN EMERGENCY: MESSAGE FROM STATE PREMIERS

The Prime Minister's office has released the text of messages received today from the Victorian and Western Australian Premiers offering assistance in the Darwin emergency.

Mr. Hamer's message reads: "I am happy to offer any resources of the Victorian Government which may be of use in the Darwin disaster. These resources include emergency accommodation, medical help, hospital facilities and technical assistance. Please advise me of any help required through our State Emergency Service or Disaster Control Victoria Police."

Sir Charles Court's message reads: "As a State which has felt the devastation and the anguish of cyclones on many occasions we can understand the feelings of the Darwin people at this time. All Western Australians send their deepest sympathy and assurance that any assistance we can give is available for the mere asking. Please advise if there is any way you feel we can help. We have many people experienced in cyclone damage emergencies."

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