



**PRIME MINISTER**

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TASMAN BRIDGE

The Prime Minister's Office has released the text of the cable sent last night to Captain B.J. Pelc in the Royal Hobart Hospital.

"I have seen your explanation of how the catastrophe occurred.

I withdraw unreservedly any imputations against you and extend my apologies. E.G. Whitlam."

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