

Mr. Yeard



PRIME MINISTER

New South Wales Floods

The Prime Minister said today that the Commonwealth and the New South Wales Governments were working together in a co-operative and expeditious way to assist individuals, businesses and public authorities in need as a result of the floods which had occurred in the Northern and Western areas of the State.

The Premier of New South Wales has today announced details of measures of relief and restoration.

The Prime Minister said that these measures include the relief of personal hardship and distress, loan assistance on concessional terms for primary producers, small businesses and sporting clubs, rail rebates for primary producers and the repair and restoration of public assets (including local government assets) damaged or destroyed by the floods.

"These measures are to be administered by State authorities and enquiries should be directed to them. The Commonwealth Government, however, will contribute towards the financing of the costs of the measures under established natural disaster assistance arrangements" Mr Fraser said.