



PRIME MINISTER

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AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

The Australian Government is to donate the sum of \$250,000 to help relieve the plight of victims of the earthquake which on 6 May devastated a large area in north eastern Italy.

All Australians share the grief of the families of those who lost their lives in this tragic disaster and Australia wishes to play its part in helping the injured and homeless of the affected regions.

The Government has already announced that Australia will help the earthquake victims through immigration.

In that connection the Australian Ambassador to Italy and immigration officials from the Embassy are already in the disaster area coordinating arrangements for the processing of nominations of those who are to come to Australia.

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