



PRIME MINISTER

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STEEL EXPORTS TO THE E.E.C.

The Prime Minister was asked today to comment on the decision by the Commissioners of the European Economic Community to withdraw their request to Australia to impose a voluntary 25% cut in Australian steel exports to Common Market countries. In response to these requests he said:

"I welcome the decision by the Common Market Commissioners not to press their formal request for restraint on Australia's steel exports. This will be very important for the maintenance of existing jobs in Newcastle, Woollongong and Whyalla."