



PRIME MINISTER

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VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES

The Prime Minister today sent the following telegram to the Premier of Victoria, Mr Hamer.

"I have been concerned at the severity of the fires in Victoria. You know that the Commonwealth stands ready to apply the normal measures of assistance and our officials will be standing ready to help in this regard.

I would like to know if at this stage there is any specific way in which you feel the Commonwealth would be able to help. I will be in Melbourne tomorrow if you wish to discuss the matter with me."
