

PRIME MINISTER

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I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the families of the people who died and were injured in the tragic explosion outside the Hilton Hotel early this morning.

At this stage, it must appear that the dead and injured are utterly innocent victims of a senseless act of violence.

I cannot too strongly express my dismay and sorrow that such an evil act could have occurred in Australia.

No effort will be spared in the investigation of this crime.