



PRIME MINISTER

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The Commonwealth has approved employment training for a second group of 500 eligible young people under the Special Youth Employment Training Programme in New South Wales State Government Departments and Authorities.

The Commonwealth has already provided SYETP assistance for an initial intake of 500 young people under a similar arrangement in January 1978.

The Prime Minister said the Commonwealth was pleased that the New South Wales State Government had joined the Commonwealth in a co-operative effort to assist young people.

While there has not been an opportunity to fully evaluate the results of the first intake, Mr Wran had already indicated the trainees had shown a marked improvement. It was to be hoped that this improvement would enable many of the trainees to find employment.

The Prime Minister said that in advising Mr Wran of the approval for additional training, he had expressed a desire for continued co-operation between the two governments in taking advantage of the programme.

This would contribute further to the effectiveness of the programme which together with other major Commonwealth initiatives such as CRAFT, NEAT and CYSS, offered substantial assistance to young people in finding worthwhile employment.

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