

PRIME MINISTER

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The Prime Minister has asked the Premier to pass his sympathy to residents of Cadoux whose homes had been damaged by earthquake.

"Australia is fortunate in that earthquakes are rare occurrences and usually are mild. It is noteworthy, however, that Cadoux is directly north of Meckering, which was damaged severely some years ago" Mr Fraser said.

The Premier has also been informed that any request for aid will receive prompt and sympathetic consideration.

In the meantime close contact is being maintained with the West Australian authorities.