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PRIME MINISTER

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APPIN COAL DISASTER

The Prime Minister has sent the following message to Neville Wran:

" My Dear Premier,

I learned with concern of the coal mine disaster at Appin within your State and would ask you to pass my sympathy to the relatives of all those killed or injured.

Officers of the Department of Social Security have been alerted to the problems faced by the injured and the dependants of those who lost their lives in the disaster.

Claims for any pension or benefit to which they are entitled will be processed urgently.

Malcolm Fraser."

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