



PRIME MINISTER

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FIRES

The Prime Minister today expressed concern at the injuries to people and damage to property suffered as a result of the current fires in the Mt. Lofty and Cape Jervis regions of South Australia. In particular Mr. Fraser expressed sympathy to the three firemen who are now hospitalised.

In expressing this concern to the Premier of South Australia, Mr. Fraser offered the State assistance under the Natural Disasters Assistance arrangements if that should prove necessary. The South Australian authorities have sought some Defence Force assistance and a number of servicemen have been made available.