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PRIME MINISTER

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JOINT STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER,
THE RT. HON. MALCOLM FRASER, MP, AND THE
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, THE RT. HON. J.D. ANTHONY, MP

The Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister today jointly condemned any attempts to induce independent candidates to stand as a means of attracting additional support for the Labor Party in the Queensland State elections.

Any tactic which resulted in additional support for the Labor Party would inevitably be damaging to the future of the State of Queensland.

The Coalition has given Queensland stable and successful Government over many years.

Queenslanders are justly proud of the tremendous progress made in their State under the Coalition Government.

It is immensely important that the Coalition Government continue.

The fullest co-operation between Queensland and the Commonwealth is essential in the national interest.

The Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister urged all Queenslanders to place their support in the Government parties.

The Prime Minister urged the maximum support for the Liberal Party and for all Liberal preferences to go to the National Party.

The Deputy Prime Minister called for the fullest support for the National Party and for all second preferences of the Party to go to the Liberals.

This would ensure the strongest possible vote for the Government and prevent any possibility of Labor gaining office.

Mr. Fraser and Mr. Anthony urged supporters of the Coalition Parties to remember at all times that the Labor Party was the opponent that had to be defeated and defeated soundly.