



PRIME MINISTER

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TENTS TO HELP EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Australia is to provide 800 tents to help in the relief arrangements for the victims of the Italian Earthquake.

The Commonwealth Government has agreed to share with the Tasmanian Government the \$120,000 cost of purchasing the tents in line with the relief arrangements announced on 25 November, 1980.

Arrangements are being made to air-freight the tents to Rome as soon as possible. They will be provided to the Italian Government for use in relief operations.

The provision of the tents will form part of the substantial aid which the Commonwealth will make available for the earthquake victims. The Government has promised \$500,000 to the Australian Appeal and will also match dollar for dollar funds contributed by State Governments.