



# PRIME MINISTER

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## BUSHFIRE AT ZEEHAN

I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the people of Zeehan over the loss of their homes and property and disruption to their lives in today's bushfire.

The Commonwealth stands ready to provide funds to Tasmania on a dollar for dollar basis with the Tasmanian Government for the immediate relief of personal hardship and distress in accordance with Natural Disaster Assistance arrangements.

This assistance will go towards the provision of food, clothing and accommodation.

I have spoken to the Tasmanian Premier, Mr Lowe, this evening, and have assured him that the Commonwealth will respond quickly and sympathetically.

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