



PRIME MINISTER

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QUEENSLAND FLOODS - DALBY

The Prime Minister, Mr. Malcolm Fraser, today expressed his concern over the serious floods that yesterday inundated Dalby and surrounding areas on the Darling Downs north-west of Toowoomba.

Mr. Fraser said that he had telexed the Premier of Queensland conveying on behalf of the Commonwealth Government sympathy to the relatives of those who were casualties and to all those suffering personal hardship and distress as a result of this catastrophe.

The Prime Minister also said that the Commonwealth had provided a helicopter to enable a survey of the damage to be done and to enable the Premier, the Queensland Minister for Local Government and the Mayor of Dalby to see for themselves the extent of the flooding.

Mr. Fraser emphasised that the Commonwealth would be providing immediate relief under the Natural Disaster Assistance Arrangements for all those suffering personal hardship and distress on a dollar for dollar basis with the Queensland Government.