



# PRIME MINISTER

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## WAGE DETERMINATION

The Prime Minister and the Premiers of Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in discussions today noted the wage increases that had been granted since the abandonment of wage indexation.

They agreed that submissions to the forthcoming National Wage case should emphasise the serious implications of a further general increase in wages for the Australian economy, in terms of inflation, the competitive position of Australian industry and generation of employment opportunities.

In particular they expressed concern that doubling up of wage increases should not occur.

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