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# PRIME MINISTER

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## PRIME MINISTER CONGRATULATES ITALIAN WORLD CUP SOCCER TEAM

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The Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, today sent a telegram of congratulations to the victorious Italian soccer team, which won the 1982 World Cup final. Italy defeated West Germany 3 goals to 1 in Madrid.

The text of the Prime Minister's telegram reads:

"Congratulations on a magnificent victory in the World Cup. Australia's Italian community today has justly celebrated your great win in Madrid. All Australians of Italian origin are rightly proud of the way you played in the series. I am sure all Australian soccer fans have thoroughly enjoyed following the 1982 competition. Well done.

Look forward to the day when Italy and Australia can play off in the final.

Malcolm Fraser  
Prime Minister of Australia"

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