



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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The statement by the Leader of the Opposition today about the evidence I gave to the Hope Royal Commission is wrong and defamatory.

I am disgusted that the Leader of the Opposition would make such a statement while I am still giving evidence before the Royal Commission and thus not in a position to respond to his allegations.

Counsel for the Commonwealth will request the Commission to convene in open session at 10.00 a.m. tomorrow to consider the statement. Counsel will submit that the statement constitutes a contempt of the Commission and needs to be dealt with to protect the integrity of the Commission's procedures.