



**PRIME MINISTER**

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The Queensland power dispute has now developed to the point where it is causing national damage as well as the very considerable harm and inconvenience it is bringing to the people of Queensland.

The dispute also has the potential to do serious harm to Australia's standing as a reliable exporter.

In these circumstances, I call upon all parties to the dispute to accept the recommendations of the State Industrial Commission which will allow an immediate return to work.

I also call on all of the unions taking action in support of the Electrical Trades Union to return to work and cease any retaliatory action.

This course of action is now urgently needed in the interests of both Queensland and the nation as a whole.