

## PRIME MINISTER

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I was very sorry to learn of the death on Tuesday of the distinguished author and journalist, Cyril Pearl.

Cyril Pearl made an outstanding contribution to Australian social history and journalism. His civilised, witty and humane writing in such works as <u>Wild Men of Sydney</u>, <u>Morrison of Peking and The Dunera Scandal</u> will live on in our literature.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his widow and his sons.