



PRIME MINISTER

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PM: ... The airlines will not succumb and so arrangements are being made. We can't provide a substitute service, of course, but we can provide an emergency service and some skeleton service and this is being done with the combination of the international airlines and the RAAF.

JOURNALIST: This looks like being a protracted dispute then?

PM: Well I hope not but we are not going to give in on this because it's not just a question of the pilots. As I've said quite clearly - and there's no need to elaborate on it - what's at issue is the whole welfare of Australia, the whole economy, the whole wages system. If the pilots were to win this, the whole wage system would break down and the economy would be wrecked and I'm not going to tolerate that.

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