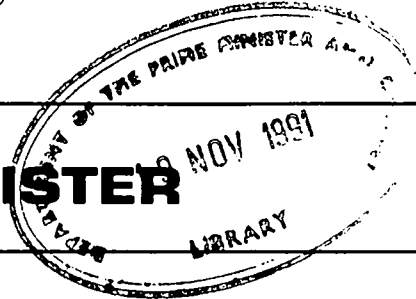




**PRIME MINISTER**



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I regret that the Premiers have cancelled the Special Premiers' Conference.

Not only are they declining to discuss ongoing Special Premiers' Conference issues. They are also discarding the opportunity to address with the Commonwealth at the Perth Conference, as we had agreed, fundamentally important issues such as employment - which they put on the agenda - and community violence and gun control.

As such, they have done a disservice to the nation, themselves and their constituents.

As I said earlier today the Commonwealth was not prepared to have the whole Commonwealth-State process held to ransom for a State income tax.