

## PRIME MINISTER

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP

The following is the text of a message from the Prime Minister sent to HE Mr Suleyman Demirel, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Australia I wish to express to you my condolences over the recent mine disaster near Kozlu.

News of this terrible disaster has deeply shocked the Australian people and has brought particular sadness to our large Turkish population. We sincerely hope that it may yet be possible to find more survivors.

I pass on to you and the relatives of the victims the deepest sympathy of the Australia people.

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