



PRIME MINISTER

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

The mine disaster at Moura touches us all. Today the hopes and prayers of all Australians will be with the eleven men and their loved ones.

What has happened there is a terrible reminder of the dangers which mineworkers continue to face, and the anxiety which their families and communities must endure.

In recent years the people of Moura have suffered more than their share of tragedies. So long as a glimmer of a chance of rescue remains we earnestly hope that they will be spared another.

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