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PRIME MINISTER

PORT ARTHUR TRAGEDY

Along, I am sure, with all Australians, I was horrified to hear of the tragic mass murder which took place at Port Arthur this afternoon.

It was on a scale probably unprecedented in Australia's history.

To those countless people left bereaved by this shocking and senseless act, I extend the sympathy of the Australian Government.

I have already spoken to the Tasmanian Premier, Mr Rundle, regarding the tragedy. We remain in touch regarding developments.

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