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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

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Dear Charles,

I thought your Prime Minister might be interested in reading the attached cable which was recently sent to me from Australia.

Warmest regards.

Yours sincerely,

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM ON GREENHOUSE EFFECT

The Australian Government has approved the first stage of a National Program for research into the Greenhouse Effect as a response to the global threat which it poses.

Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, announced on April 6 that as a first step \$A7.8 million would be provided between now and June 30 for research into the Greenhouse Effect and for policy support.

"The bulk of the funding, \$A5.54 million, will be directed to CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology to enable full advantage to be taken on existing expertise and to build on work already done" he said.

The National Program would involve the establishment of a National Greenhouse Advisory Committee of up to six experts to advise the Government with accurate and timely advice.

Mr Hawke said the Committee's main task would be to provide advice on priority areas for further Greenhouse research and set objectives for a scheme of dedicated research grants. It would also be charged with the job of promoting public understanding of Greenhouse issues.

Allocations would be made from the funding for the first stage of the program to enable Australia to maintain its close association with the World Climate Impact Studies Program being undertaken by the United Nations Environment Program.

The Academy of Science would assist the International Geosphere-Biosphere Program, which studies the physical, chemical and biological processes that regulate the total earth system and there would be an examination of whether a comprehensive National Climate Program should be established with a link into the World Meteorological Organisation's World Climate Program and the World Climate Conference in 1990.