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Dear Private Secretary,

The following is the text of a message from the Prime Minister to The Hon. Mr Hawke. I should be grateful if you could arrange for its urgent transmission. I am also faxing a copy of the message to our High Commissioner in Canberra for his information.

"On behalf of the UK Government I wish to express our horror and sadness at the news of the terrible earthquake in New South Wales. It is particularly tragic that it should have occurred at what should be a time for celebration.

Please convey our sympathy to all those injured and to the families of the bereaved."

Yours sincerely,

Richard Gozney

(R H T Gozney)  
Private Secretary

PS/High Commissioner  
Australian High Commission  
Australia House, Strand  
London WC2B 4LA

Spoken PM Conveyed oral message to R.H.T. G.

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Jean Charles,

Earthquake in New South Wales

I enclose a draft message of sympathy from the Prime Minister to Mr Hawke following the earthquake in the area around Newcastle, New South Wales. If the Prime Minister is content with the text, we shall ask our High Commissioner in Canberra to pass the message to Mr Hawke.

Yours ever,

(R H T Gozney)  
Private Secretary

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DRAFT LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER TO MR HAWKE

*United Kingdom*

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