

High Commission of India Canberra

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On 13<sup>th</sup> January, Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh wrote to Prime Minister Julia Gillard and External Affairs Minister Shri S.M. Krishna to Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd, expressing their deep sorrow on the tragic loss of life and property in the wake of the floods in Queensland.

On behalf of the people of India and on their own behalf, they conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, and for the extensive loss of property and material damage. They said that India stood in solidarity with the people of Australia and expressed India's readiness to assist Australia with support and logistical assistance, if required.

They conveyed that their thoughts and prayers were with the people of Australia in these difficult times.

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