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MESSAGE FOR VESAK

My warmest greetings to all Australian Buddhists, as you join with Buddhists around the world in commemorating Vesak.

As you commemorate the birth, the enlightenment and the passing of Guatama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, may you take the time to reflect and celebrate the universal and timeless teachings of compassion and peace.

As we persevered through the challenges of the last two years, these teaching have been a source of strength and guidance to so many and have helped to ensure our community has remained together and united. By donating your time and resources to ensuring those most vulnerable felt safe and supported, you have truly put these teachings into practice in your everyday lives.

At this time, I would like to thank our Buddhist Australian community, representing more than 560,000 individuals, for the ways in which you have contributed to building an inclusive Australia. Our nation is forever enriched by the diverse thoughts and traditions you have shared.

I wish you, your family and entire community a blessed and peaceful Vesak.

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