



PRIME MINISTER

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER**

**VESAK 2022**

I send warmest greetings to Buddhists in Australia and around the world as you celebrate Vesak.

At this time each year, Vesak honours the Buddhist beliefs and ideals that you practise every day. The lamps you light at Vesak are a prayer for wisdom and compassion to be a light in the world.

Australian Buddhists come from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds and express their faith in ancient and modern ways. It is your shared devotion to the life and teachings of the Buddha that unites you in pursuit of compassion, kindness and goodness.

Here in Australia, we can practise our religious beliefs and customs — and share them with communities of all faiths — free from persecution and discrimination.

As the most successful multicultural nation on earth, we are blessed to live with acceptance, tolerance and inclusion.

May the festival of Vesak bring the Buddha's joy and enlightenment into your lives.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison'.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

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