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## MESSAGE FOR EID AL-ADHA

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ACTING MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP, MIGRANT SERVICES AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

I send my best wishes to all Australians celebrating Eid al-Adha this year.

In Australia more than 600,000 Muslims celebrate Eid al-Adha, by participating in acts of charity and prayer for those in need, and commemorating the commitment of Abraham (Ibrahim) to God.

This year, like many other religious festivities, Eid al-Adha will be celebrated very differently. I thank all Australians including those from the Muslim Australian community for your understanding, patience and efforts during this time, adhering to the range of measures introduced to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Now more than ever, working together as a cohesive community has never been more important for all Australians as we endeavour to overcome this challenge. We can all be proud of the way the Australian community has come together as one, regardless of our ethnic, cultural or religious backgrounds, to face this crisis.

As Australians encounter economic hardships and social impacts because of the pandemic, we can draw from the enduring message of Eid al-Adha – sacrifice, charity and consideration for those in need.

I thank Muslim community leaders and the broader Muslim Australian community for your continued support in the fight against COVID-19 and the support you provide to your communities in dealing with issues arising from this situation.

As a nation, we are stronger together. We will overcome this challenge as we have overcome many challenges in the past.

Eid Mubarak

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Everyone celebrating this important time is encouraged to stay informed with the Government's COVID-19 response measures, current restrictions and adhere to official government advice by visiting: <u>https://Australia.gov.au/</u>. Information on COVID-19 is available in over 60 different languages.