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Dear Sheikh Nawas Saleem

I send my best wishes to all Victorians who celebrate Eid al-Adha, the festival of sacrifice.

In Victoria, nearly 200,000 celebrate Eid al-Adha by participating in acts of charity and prayer for those in need. In safer times, many would join millions of pilgrims from around the world to travel to Mecca for the annual Hajj.

I appreciate that this year, Muslim Australians will celebrate Eid al-Adha very differently, as an unprecedented global health crisis has affected our normal way of life. I thank Muslim Australians in Victoria for your understanding, patience and efforts during this time, adhering to the range of measures introduced to reduce the spread of COVID-19. It is important to continue to practice social distancing and adhere to health advice.

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.

I thank Muslim community leaders for your cooperation in the fight against COVID-19 and the support you provide to your communities, particularly during festivals.

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.

Eid Mubarak

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jason Wood'.

JASON WOOD

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