

JOINT STATEMENT

Indian community in NSW stands united for harmony

As Australians of Indian origin and leaders from the Indian community in New South Wales, we stand together against all forms of violence and hatred.

Recent incidents are not a proper reflection of our community.

While we are connected to India, we affirm our shared commitment to Australia and the laws that govern this state and nation.

We cherish the freedoms enjoyed in this country, and we respect people's democratic rights to express their views peacefully and lawfully. We also believe in exercising those freedoms responsibly with a shared respect for our fellow Australians irrespective of origin, race, culture or religion.

The diverse Indian community in New South Wales has a long history of harmony and peace. We are always ready to help those in need, whether it is supporting communities during natural disasters or caring for vulnerable members of our society.

As community leaders, we will work together to maintain trust and harmony across our community. We will work with police and relevant government agencies to identify and resolve issues, ensuring that we continue our positive contributions to the peaceful and harmonious state of New South Wales.

We continue to call for unity and compassion at all times.

Statement endorsed by:

Australian Council of Hindu Clergy
Australian Indian Sports Educational and Cultural Society
Federation of Indian Associations of NSW Inc
Hindu Council of Australia
Indo-Australia Bal Bharathi Vidyalaya-Hindi School Inc
Sikh Youth Australia
Support Organisation for Migrants and Asylum Seekers (SOMA)
United Indian Association
Youth Sikh Professional Network

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