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Yom Ha'atzmaut

It is a pleasure to offer greetings to everyone in NSW celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, or Israel's Independence Day.

Israel's enduring relationship with our state would not have been possible without the leadership and significant contributions of our Jewish community in NSW.

This is particularly notable recently in the proactive leadership and efforts of the Jewish community to support our communities in limiting the spread of COVID-19.

Earlier this year, it was a privilege to meet the President of the State of Israel, His Excellency Mr Reuven Rivlin, during his visit to Australia.

As Premier of NSW, I was honoured that President Rivlin expressed his appreciation for the NSW Government's support for the fight against anti-Semitism and for Holocaust remembrance. His Excellency also remarked on the warmth of our relations with the Jewish community.

I am greatly disappointed that my official visit to Israel, scheduled for April 2020, had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I look forward to undertaking this trade mission once it is safe to do so.

I offer my best wishes to those marking Yom Ha'atzmaut and thank the Jewish community for their support for our peaceful multicultural society.

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