



## Unity in Adversity - Affirmation

**We the leaders of New South Wales' many religious faiths, leaders of the major political parties in New South Wales Parliament and representatives of the Consular Corps in New South Wales join at this time of adversity in affirming and celebrating the spirit of tolerance and goodwill at the heart of Australian society.**

**We acknowledge the commitment of the New South Wales Parliament to the diversity of the Australian community. We condemn all acts of terrorism. We embrace in our hearts the victims and families of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, the long-suffering Afghan people, those of Afghan descent who live among us and all victims of terror and oppression in this time of conflict.**

**In the name of our respective faiths and in accordance with the principles we each uphold, we dedicate ourselves to act generously, humanely, and with compassion in fulfilling our proud citizenship of Australia and our role as concerned members of the world community.**

*This Affirmation was proposed by the Premier Bob Carr and signed by religious leaders including Archbishop George Pell, Archbishop Peter Jensen, Protoperbyter Steven Scoutas, His Eminence Tadjedine Al Hilaly, Most Venerable Thich Phuoc Hue and Rabbi Raymond Apple at the Unity in Adversity Assembly on 15 November 2001 at Government House.*