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## Vesak 2018

I send my best wishes to the Buddhist Federation of Australia and everyone taking part in celebrations for Vesak Day.

Vesak is not only a religious celebration, but an occasion when friends and relatives come together to show their devotion to Buddha and to enjoy the company of their fellow Buddhists.

In Australia, Vesak Day celebrations have brought greater awareness to the community at large about the significance of Buddhism in our country as it commemorates the birth, enlightenment and death of Siddhartha Gautama, better known as the Buddha, and his passing into nirvana.

I commend the followers of Buddhism in our state for their commitment to social harmony and cohesion and wish you all the happiest of celebrations during Vesak.

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