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It gives me great pleasure to contribute a message on this special occasion.

Today Buddhists across the world commemorate the birth, enlightenment and passing of Buddha Gautama, whose teachings of wisdom, compassion and harmony, continue to inspire communities.

This year marks 20 years since the UN General Assembly recognised VESAK as an international day of observance for Buddha Gautama. This event is not only a celebration of the Buddhist faith, but also an opportunity to unite communities and promote peace and harmony.

Australia is home to a large and growing Buddhist community. There are nearly half a million Buddhists living in the country, who contribute to our society and way of life.

Multiculturalism is one of our country's greatest assets and events like this play an integral role in fostering social harmony and celebrating diversity.

Thank you again for including me in this wonderful occasion. I hope everyone enjoys the event.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon. Victor Dominello MP
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