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Her Excellency
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Dear Ambassador

Terror attacks in Oslo

On behalf of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the elected peak national body of the Australian Jewish community, I extend our deepest sympathies to the Norwegian government and people following the double terror attacks in Oslo on Friday and especially to the injured and to all Norwegians who have lost loved ones.

The attacks bore a horrific similarity to the Port Arthur massacre in Tasmania in our own country in 1996. In both cases a deeply disturbed young man in the thrall of fanatical ideas shattered the calm of societies that were renowned for their peacefulness by randomly murdering dozens of innocent people.

The Jewish people, too, are painfully familiar with the experience of being targets of the calculated savagery of acts of terrorism. Nothing can excuse such behavior.

As Australians and as Jews we join with all people of goodwill in praying for the swift and complete recovery of the injured, for the comforting of the bereaved and, in time, for the healing of the psychological and emotional wounds inflicted upon the Norwegian people.

Yours sincerely

Dr Danny Lamm
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