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Condemnation of the Attack on the Synagogue in Melbourne and Action Against Hate Crimes

The Hindu Council of Australia unequivocally condemns the recent arson attack on the Adass Israel synagogue in Melbourne. This heinous antisemitic act is an assault not only on the Jewish community but also on the very fabric of Australian society, built on respect, harmony, and shared values of coexistence.

This incident is not an isolated one but a disturbing escalation in hate crimes targeting religious and cultural communities across Australia. It is a wake-up call that demands tougher government action and a zero-tolerance approach to such violent extremism.

We urge the government to prioritise the security of all Australians by adopting robust, enforceable measures against hate-motivated crimes.

The Hindu community believes that decisive, immediate action is the need of the hour. Every Australian deserves to feel safe and respected, regardless of their faith or cultural background individually and at our places of worship. Incidents like the synagogue attack challenge our core values as a nation, and we cannot afford to be complacent.

We stand in solidarity with the Jewish community and all others who have suffered the impacts of hate. The Hindu community firmly believes in "Dharma" the path of righteousness and we support any measures that uphold justice and harmony in our shared society.

we urge the government to act now, not only to bring the perpetrators of this heinous crime to justice but also to prevent future atrocities. The time for dialogue has passed; we need strong and decisive leadership to protect the rights and safety of all Australians.

This is a moment for us, as Australians, to reaffirm our commitment to the shared values of democracy, freedom, and mutual respect. The Hindu community believes in **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam** "the world is one family" and remains steadfast in our resolve to work with all communities to preserve these principles.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sai Paravastu', is written over a white background.

Sai Paravastu

National President

Hindu Council of Australia