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To  
The Office of Prime Minister  
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Dear Prime Minister,

I write to you as a dedicated member of Australia's vibrant Hindu community and the President of the Hindu Council of Australia, a voice of almost one million Australians and a community that has enriched this nation's multicultural landscape for decades.

While we are proud of our ongoing contribution to Australia's diversity, we now face pressing challenges that require decisive government action.

I urge you to commit to funding and implementing three transformative initiatives that will secure our community's wellbeing and ensure that every Australian has access to the cultural education, nutritious support, and the protection they deserve.

### **Establishing Australia's First Hindu School**

For too long, our community has awaited an educational institution that reflects our heritage, values, and vision for the future. With the groundwork already set in motion by the support of the Hon. Jason Clare MP, now is the time to:

- Secure essential infrastructure seed funding.
- Recognize Hindu education as a cornerstone of Australia's multicultural success.
- Set a firm timeline for implementation ahead of the next election.

Your unequivocal commitment to these measures will demonstrate that Australia values diversity in its fullest sense.

### **Empowering Karma Kitchen & Culturally Appropriate Aged Care Meals**

For years, Karma Kitchen has been a lifeline delivering culturally appropriate, vegetarian meals to aged care facilities and underserved communities. Yet, without government backing, this vital initiative cannot reach its full potential.

We call on you to:

- Provide government-backed funding and secure CHSP accreditation so that Karma Kitchen becomes an integral part of Australia's aged care services.
- Invest in the infrastructure and logistics necessary for expanding its reach.
- Champion the inclusion of Hindu dietary needs in national aged care and food security policies.

While we appreciate the initial engagements by Hon. Tony Burke MP and Hon. Julian Hill MP, we now need definitive action and dedicated funds to sustain and expand these services.

### **Confronting Hinduphobia with Determined Policy and Funding**

The rise of Hinduphobia manifested in hate crimes, discrimination, vandalism, and misrepresentation is an urgent threat that cannot be ignored. Our community deserves protection and a platform to voice its concerns. We call on your government to urgently:

- Develop a comprehensive national policy framework to identify, combat, and educate against Hinduphobia.
- Allocate dedicated funding for Hindu-led initiatives that foster community resilience and drive anti-discrimination efforts.
- Establish a formal mechanism for the Hindu community to collaborate with policymakers in addressing hate and ensuring justice for all affected.



## A Clear Commitment Before the Election

Words alone will not suffice. The Hindu community and indeed all Australians who cherish diversity await concrete, public commitments.

Please Prime Minister, I respectfully request that you:

1. Provide written confirmation of your support for these critical initiatives.
2. Engage your party leadership to ensure budget allocations that reflect our community's needs.
3. Arrange meetings with community representatives to set clear implementation timelines.

Our future is inextricably linked to the actions we take today. By standing with us, you will not only reinforce Australia's legacy as a welcoming, inclusive nation but also secure the trust and support of a growing and dynamic community. This would be a true investment in Australia's future.

Each day, our community is asking us for advice and counsel regarding who they should support to lead our country for the next three years, and who is best placed to support our Hindu community and Australia more broadly. I sincerely hope that I can confidently and strongly say to them that your government not only recognises the challenges facing our community above but importantly is taking strong and necessary action.

I look forward to your prompt and positive response. I welcome an opportunity to discuss these matters directly with you.

Yours sincerely,

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