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Acknowledging the Contributions of Dr Andrew Charlton MP

The Hindu Council of Australia is a proudly non-partisan organisation dedicated to serving the interests and well-being of Australia's Hindu and broader South Asian communities. We engage constructively with all sides of politics to advocate for issues that matter to our community.

In that spirit, we wish to recognise the significant contributions of **Dr Andrew Charlton MP**, the Federal Member for Parramatta, who has demonstrated a sincere commitment to our community's evolving needs.

Over the past term, Dr Charlton has worked closely with the Hindu Council of Australia and many other cultural organisations on meaningful initiatives, including:

- Becoming a trusted friend of the Hindu community and listening attentively to our concerns.
- Advocating for stronger Australia–India relations, including authoring *Australia's Pivot to India*.
- Chairing the Parliamentary Friends of India to promote deeper bilateral engagement.
- Championing the recognition of Harris Park as *Little India*, celebrating our economic and cultural footprint.
- Supporting the national declaration of October as *Hindu Heritage Month* and January as *Tamil Heritage Month*.
- Standing against incidents of Hindu phobia, including vandalism of places of worship.
- Endorsing the establishment of a Hindu school in Western Sydney to meet growing educational needs.
- Helping secure funding for *Karma Kitchen*, which provides meals to vulnerable Australians.

These efforts reflect a deep respect for Hindu values and recognition of the vital role our community plays in Australia's multicultural society.

As we approach the next federal election, we acknowledge Dr Charlton's continued engagement and support. We also reaffirm our commitment to working collaboratively with all elected representatives, regardless of party, to advance harmony, inclusion, and opportunity for all Australians.

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