



Premier of New South Wales

**MESSAGE FROM THE HON. MORRIS IEMMA MP
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ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION

With the passage of each year, the Armenian communities of the world move closer to that sad but inevitable moment when age claims the last of the survivors.

That places a new burden of responsibility upon the next generation – not only those of Armenian descent but all of us who are friends of Armenian history and culture.

The burden to which I refer is the burden of remembering – of never letting the tide of events and present concerns overshadow the monstrous events of 1915 and their significance in the life of the Armenian people.

This attempt to destroy and dilute a people should always be called for what it was – genocide. Its victims should never be forgotten. Its perpetrators should never be absolved.

As the centenary of the Armenian genocide looms on the horizon, let the whole world condemn the horror of this extermination and join with the Armenian people in saying emphatically: Never Again.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Morris Iemma".

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