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Your Excellency

Earthquake and Tsunami Tragedy

On behalf of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the elected peak national body of the Australian Jewish community, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the people and government of Japan for the grave loss of life, injuries and catastrophic damage to property caused by Friday's massive earthquake off the east coast of northern Japan and the tsunami which devastated coastal areas within minutes afterwards.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of those who have been killed and the thousands who are still missing, to the tens of thousands of people who have been forced to leave their homes and are living in emergency shelters, and also to those who have had to be evacuated following the explosions on Friday and again today at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

We pray especially for the speedy rescue of people who are still trapped in buildings that have been damaged or are otherwise cut off from help, and whose lives are further endangered by the threat of aftershocks.

We fully support and endorse the initiative of the Australian government in making available trained emergency workers to help the government of Japan to deal with the crisis. We are closely monitoring the situation and the Australian Jewish community remains ready, with other Australians, to make a contribution to assist in the recovery effort.

Yours sincerely

Dr Danny Lamm
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