



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

LGBTI DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY, 2020

I join in helping you recognise the Inaugural LGBTI Domestic Violence Awareness Day.

Awareness, remembrance, recognition and support – these are today’s goals, and I affirm my commitment to them.

I believe we must – and we *will* – deal with the scourge of domestic violence. And in doing so, we must be especially focused on its impact on all members of our community.

Every two minutes, somewhere in our country, police are called out to a domestic violence incident.

Domestic violence is a crime. It’s a crime with no excuses and no justifications.

During this health pandemic we know there are pressures on all families – and my message to all Australians is that you are not alone.

The Australian Government’s \$150 million commitment to support Australians experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence due to the fallout from coronavirus will go some way to ensuring that we can be there for anybody who needs help.

As a community, we all have a role to play in supporting those who experience domestic violence. Not only today – or during Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month – but *every day*. We must stand up, reach out, and say *#ImHereForYou*.

To the organisers of LGBTI Domestic Violence Awareness Day, your pursuit of *awareness, remembrance, recognition and support* is a living expression of our Australian values – and I thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison'.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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