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Her Excellency The Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy
Governor-General of New Zealand
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My dear Governor-General

On behalf of all Queenslanders I extend sincere and heartfelt condolences to the people of New Zealand following the tragic and shocking act of racially motivated terrorism last week. Our State is joined with you in grief, sadness and disbelief that such a heinous act has befallen your great Nation and the beautiful people of Christchurch.

While we join others in the condemnation of this terror attack, you should know that because of the long and enduring friendship between our peoples, Queenslanders readily recognise and warmly acknowledge your National resilience and determination and we understand that this vile act will not negatively define your future.

I will on Tuesday, 2 April, be privileged to welcome to Government House Queensland, the High Commissioner of New Zealand to Australia, Her Excellency Dame Annette King DNZM, and the Consul-General for New Zealand, Mr Bill Dobbie. Kaye and I will be honoured at that time to host an event that will bring together leaders from both the Queensland and the local New Zealand communities so that we can together pause to remember those lost and to acknowledge the tremendous goodwill and spirit which exists between our two communities.

Please be assured that Queensland will continue to provide our unwavering support and stand with you in this most difficult time.

Yours sincerely

Paul de Jersey

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Governor of Queensland

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