



PRIME MINISTER
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MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER JULIA GILLARD

**AUSTRALIAN BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY
RIDVÁN FESTIVAL**

I am very pleased to provide this message to the Australian Bahá'í Community for this year's Ridván Festival.

This important cultural event, commemorating the start of Bahá'u'lláh's prophethood, is a period for celebration and marks the elections to the Australian National Spiritual Assembly.

Our nation is enriched by the contributions of all who make Australia home, including the Australian Bahá'í Community with its plurality of cultures and traditions.

Your commitment to interfaith harmony and your dedication to service provide a valuable example to all Australians.

I applaud your work in helping to build a socially cohesive society and in advancing the course towards peace in Australia and the world.

My warmest wishes to everyone participating in this vibrant and joyful festival and I trust it will be a truly memorable occasion.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julia Gillard'.

The Honourable Julia Gillard MP
Prime Minister of Australia