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Message to the University of Western Sydney

International Human Rights Education Conference

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the University of Western Sydney's contribution to the debate on human rights with this inaugural conference.

The Coalition strongly believes that all countries should respect the right of their citizens to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This requires making the next generation aware of the importance and benefits of such freedoms within societies.

This Conference, and others like it, provides a crucial forum for students and academics alike to express their views and gain insights from others. It is also a good opportunity to reflect on how we can achieve a more successful and cohesive society.

My best wishes for the success of this Conference.

Yours sincerely

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