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Assalamu Alaikum

Today marks three years since the devastating and unprecedented events of 15 March 2019 that resulted in the deaths of 51 people who were gathered peacefully in prayer.

The recommendations of the Royal Commission of Inquiry made it clear that we have significant work to do to create the kind of society that New Zealanders desire: one that embraces and values people of all backgrounds, races, cultures and religion.

As the Lead Minister for the Government's response to the Royal Commission, it is clear to me that we could not undertake this work without the guidance, support and commitment of the diverse communities that make up Aotearoa New Zealand.

You have been at the forefront of our efforts to respond to the attack: supporting the survivors and the whānau of the shaheed; and advocating tirelessly to ensure that the changes that the government is making meet the needs of our diverse communities.

The responsibility to create a safer and more inclusive society rests with all New Zealanders; however, we all owe you a debt of gratitude for your leadership and dedication over the past three years.

Like many New Zealanders, I will be thinking of the 51 shaheed, their whānau, and those who were injured in the coming days. Our work honours them; and it is a privilege to be doing that work alongside you.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Little".

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