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Re: International Day of Greek Languages by UNESCO and UN

Dear Professor Tamis

Thank you for your correspondence dated 27 May 2024 to the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Chris Minns MP, regarding your petition to the United Nations (UN) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to celebrate International Day of the Greek Language. Your correspondence has been forwarded to me for reply.

I acknowledge the commitment of the Australian Institute for Hellenic Research and the Australian Institute of Macedonian Studies to promote the Greek language, which has made significant contributions to global culture, science, and education.

Your petition highlights the crucial importance of preserving and celebrating languages that enrich our diverse communities locally and globally. The inclusion of the International Day of the Greek Language, as supported by Professor George Babiniotis, who is recognised as an authority in this field, highlights the significance of the Greek language in world history.

As this matter falls within the portfolio of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon. Penny Wong, I have forwarded your correspondence to her for her consideration and appropriate action.

I wish you all the best and thank you for taking the time to write to the NSW Government on this matter.

Sincerely

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