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Message from the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Tony Abbott MHR

MARSH FOUNDATION

I am very pleased to send my best wishes to David, Clair and all the supporters of the Marsh Foundation and to celebrate its work over the past year.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Bali bombings. As a nation, we remember every victim of the attack but particularly the 88 Australians whose lives were lost. We also cherish the stories of the survivors and those who provided immediate assistance in the aftermath of the attacks. They are an inspiration.

I also take this opportunity to thank David, Clair and everyone at the Marsh Foundation for their work to improve health services in Indonesia, including the provision of recycled medical equipment to where it is most needed.

It's not what we have to do but what we choose to do which is the measure of our humanity. Tens of thousands of voluntary associations are at the heart of our social fabric and are one of our country's distinguishing features.

I saw first-hand the importance of the Marsh Foundation's work on my visit to Indonesia when I visited Sanglah Hospital with David and Clair. I was also privileged to visit the Foundation in August and re-commit the Coalition to supporting the retrospective operation of a compensation scheme for the Australian victims of overseas terrorism.

On behalf of the Coalition, I wish all the Marsh Foundation's supporters a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

TONY ABBOTT

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