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**MESSAGE**

**OROMO THANKSGIVING DAY**

On behalf of the Federal Labor Party, it gives me great pleasure to send my best wishes to the Oromo community on the auspicious occasion of Irreechaa.

Today is a day for the Oromo community to give thanks to Waaqaa, reflect on the blessings of the year gone and look forward to the opportunities of the year ahead.

The Oromo community in Australia is a burgeoning part of our vibrant multiculturalism and today provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the cultural delights that the Oromo community has brought to Australia.

As one of Africa's indigenous cultures, the Oromo community has a rich legacy of unique cultural attributes that enrich Australian multiculturalism and make Australia the dynamic and exciting place it is.

Thank you for your contribution to the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of our nation and I wish you well for a joyous Irreechaa and a prosperous year ahead.

**Bill Shorten**  
**Leader of the Opposition**