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## **Media Release**

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### **Bali Bombing**

Up to twenty Novocastrians are believed to have been in the area of last night's bombings of Jimbaran and Kuta.

We know that several members of our community have received serious injuries, and we are waiting on official advice on their condition.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has now confirmed that two Australians died in the attack, one of whom was from New South Wales

I express my sincere sympathy to all the victims of this horrific attack, and to their families and loved ones.

Australia is doing all it can to assist victims and their families, including organising medical evacuations from Bali and flights for relatives. The messages of support and concern from Novocastrians today has been overwhelming.

People concerned for the welfare of loved ones who are in Bali should try to make contact with them as soon as possible. DFAT has established a hotline for those who still have concerns for people in Bali: **1800 002 214**.

I have today been assisting the families of those caught up in the attack, and can be contacted on **4926 1555** for any other Novocastrians seeking assistance or information.

Everyone caught up in the bombings are innocent victims - the tourists from Newcastle and all over the world, as well as the Indonesian residents and workers in Jimbaran and Kuta.

Novocastrians have long had an affinity for Bali, and we know that many of the people caught in this attack have visited the island with their families for many years.

Newcastle is a close-knit community, and we stand together in tough times. At this time, all of our thoughts are with those who have been injured, their families and friends.

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