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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

I extend my strength and solidarity to Tamil communities across the world as they continue to fight for justice 12 years after the genocide of 2009. Persecution and oppression in Sri Lanka is, of course, ongoing.

Activists are taking extraordinary measures to highlight the Sri Lankan state's culpability and demand international accountability for the government's actions, including at the United Nations. British Tamil woman Mrs Ambihai K Selvakumar is approaching two weeks of a hunger strike in her demands for justice. Numerous other hunger strikes have been initiated in support of Mrs Selvakumar. There must be an independent investigation into allegations of war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity.

Tamil communities and organisations in Australia continue to speak out about persecution of Tamils, and advocate for Tamil migrants, refugees and asylum seekers who now live in Australia. The Greens and I have been strong supporters of their efforts, and of the rights of all asylum seekers and refugees.

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