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THE PRIME MINISTER

I send my warmest regards and best wishes to all those gathering in Malta to honour the legacy of the Royal Australian Air Force 458 Squadron. As you commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War, your reunion stands as a powerful tribute to the courage, sacrifice, and enduring bonds forged by those who served between 1942 and 1945.

The 458 Squadron's history, marked by service across the Mediterranean and shared by Australians, Britons, and Canadians alike, reflects the strength of our allied cooperation and the deep ties between our nations. I am especially moved by the presence of descendants from the United Kingdom, who join others in remembering their fathers and forebears with pride and gratitude.

May this reunion be filled with meaningful reflection, shared stories, and renewed friendships. Thank you for keeping the memory of these brave service personnel alive.

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