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Ms MIKAKOS (Northern Metropolitan)- I can assure members that I have not collaborated with Mr Atkinson, but I too want to talk about the Diwali festival. On Saturday evening I had the great pleasure of attending for the second time Diwali Festival of Lights event at Federation Square. The Premier was there to speak at this significant event at Federation Square, which was attended by more than 50 000 people.

As members may know, the Diwali Festival of Lights takes place during the seventh month of the Hindu Lunar calendar, and it symbolises the victory of virtue over spiritual darkness. Lamps are lit to symbolise the triumph of spiritual light, and I believe it has significance for people of all faiths.

The festival was a great success. I particularly enjoyed the Bollywood dance and music performances, but there was also Indian fashion and craft displays, jewellery, food, music, movies, clothing and a great display of Indian culture overall.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Celebrate India committee, and in particular chairman, Mr Rao, and also Mr Sharma and Dr Berera. I congratulate them and wish them every success in the future.