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2023 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial

Today we honour and pay tribute to the millions of people that have lost their battle with HIV and AIDS.

I would like to offer my condolences to all who have lost a loved one or a friend to this disease.

This is also an opportunity for us to celebrate the progress that has been made both in terms of research and how we can fight and treat HIV/AIDS, but also the enormous strides in terms of promoting awareness and how to keep our communities safe.

I would like to thank the Burnett Foundation Aotearoa for the great work they have done and continue to do. Although HIV is less common in New Zealand compared to other parts of the world, they are making meaningful contributions to prevent transmission, reduce stigma, and maximise the wellbeing of those affected by HIV.

Thank you again for all of your work.

Finally, on behalf of the National Party, I send my warm wishes to all those taking part in the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial for 2023.

Yours sincerely

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