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Statement by Daniel Mookhey MLC on Recent Vandalism at a Sydney Hindu Temple

“ On Sunday an arson attack at the Barathiye Mandir Temple, in Sydney's Regents Park, destroyed more than 30 statues of Hindu Gods and furniture.

I condemn these vandals and stand in solidarity with Head priest Pundit Paras Maharaj and the temple community.

Coming on the eve of Diwali it is all the more devastating for the local Hindu community.

This temple is a place of worship and a place for good, were the local Hindu community comes together bound by their common faith and humanity.

These actions have no place in Australia and do not represent our respectful multicultural, multi-faith and law-abiding community.

I will move a motion in the Parliament next week to condemn these actions and offer the Parliament's support for the Hindu community.

I expect this motion will pass unanimously; reflecting the will of the great majority of Australian people who see no place for these kind of actions in our society. ”

ENDS – Thursday 18 October 2018