

# ERNSLAW ONE

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To our contractors, to our workforce, and to our staff.

Friday March 15 was a very dark day for New Zealand. Extremists shattered our peaceful existence and took the lives of 50 New Zealanders, foreign students and visitors to our country, all of the Muslim faith. Almost as many were injured, some severely. Many extended families have been harmed in those tragic events.

Thirty years ago my wife Leh Sieng and I moved our young family to New Zealand from Malaysia which is a tolerant country of strong religious faiths. Islam is the official religion along with Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and traditional Chinese religions. There have been terrorist threats in Malaysia but I never thought we would see this in NZ.

One week after the tragic events in Christchurch we are all heartened by the words of the Al Noor Mosque's Imam at Friday prayers – *We are broken hearted but we are not broken*. We understood when Sonny Bill Williams joined thousands of Muslims and fellow New Zealanders saying *We need to eradicate racism, hatred*.

Going forward, this is our time to grow stronger in our communities, both rural and urban. The words of our Prime Minister that we show our Muslim whanau love and compassion resonate well for all of us. Together our company and our wider forest industry need to play our part make NZ a land of welcome, respect and openness.

Ernslaw prides its self on a diversity and strives for a workplace that has zero tolerance for any form of racism or religious intolerance. If anyone is uncomfortable in their workplace in matters of race, religious intolerance or diversity then please contact one of our Regional Managers directly.

Yours sincerely



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