



LISMORE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor's Office

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Dear Mayor Yoshida,

Greetings from Lismore. I hope you and your city's residents are safe and well.

We have been deeply shocked at the terrible loss and destruction suffered by the people of the Miyagi prefecture during the earthquake and tsunami of last Friday.

Many Lismore residents and our local media have asked me if the people of Yamato Takada are safe. I was pleased to receive an email response from Mitsuko Kataoka and I have spoken with Colleen Virtue reassuring me that you are all safe. I expected that your city would not have suffered the effects of the earthquake but I think that many of your residents will have family and friends in the affected areas.

A group of Lismore's Rotarians are currently in Japan and are due to visit Yamato Takada this week. We are also relieved to hear that they are safe. Unfortunately several of our region's residents have missing family members in the Sendai area. We hope that they will be found soon.

All of Japan will be mourning the loss of an expected 10,000 lives and the destruction of so much infrastructure. Being so far away, we in Lismore feel helpless in your time of need but I am pleased that Australia has sent search and rescue and engineering teams to assist in the search for survivors, the retrieval of those who have died and the re-establishment of vital infrastructure such as water, electricity and roads.

Please know that Lismore people are thinking of you and your country's people at this very sad time. Our community will be very generous in donating to world-wide appeals such as through the Red Cross.

Yours sincerely

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