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The Hon David Borger MP

Minister for Housing
Minister for Western Sydney

PARRAMATTA LIT UP BY DEEPAVALI

Sunday 11 October 2009

Minister for Western Sydney David Borger today joined thousands of revellers to celebrate Deepavali, the Indian Festival of Lights, at Parramatta Stadium.

“Deepavali is one of the most widely celebrated festivals of the people from the Indian sub-continent and one of the most awaited festivals in the calendar each year,” Mr Borger said.

“There are many mythological explanations for the origins of this festival, but the real importance of today is the festival’s reflection of multicultural vibrancy, harmony and diversity.

“Western Sydney has an incredibly diverse cultural mix and there are literally dozens of festivals and multicultural community celebrations that have brought colour and excitement to our streets and suburbs.

“Festivals like this one are just one of the benefits of living in such a multicultural society.” Mr Borger said

“Today will be a cultural extravaganza.

“The event showcases the richness of Indian culture with families able to enjoy exotic and authentic Indian food, music, dance and other entertainment.

Over 25,000 people are expected throughout the day.

The New South Wales Government is also proud to celebrate Deepavali by illuminating the exterior of Parliament House from 17 to 30 October.

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