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A Coalition government will provide assistance to Australians and their families who have been victims of terrorism overseas since 10 September 2001.

We should stand with victims of terrorism in the same way that we stand with victims of natural disasters.

of crimes committed in Australia.

Since September 2001, hundreds of Australian families have been impacted by terrorist events in New York, Bali, Jakarta, London and Mumbai.

These Australians were not eligible for compensation to aid them in their grief.

Currently, victims of violent crime in Australia can receive compensation of up to \$75,000 from various state victims of crime schemes.

In 2012 when the Government agreed to provide the victims of terrorism with compensation, it only did so for future victims and not the existing victims.

Having first raised this matter in 2009 and having introduced private member's bills to achieve justice, the government's behaviour towards the victims of terrorism has been unspirited. I had always hoped that the Parliament would consider the matter in a bipartisan way and that it would reflect the best of our political process.

If elected, a Coalition government will within 100 days introduce legislation to change the start date for eligibility to 10 September 2001.

The victims of terrorism still face obstacles – both physical and emotional. Our commitment to the Australian victims of terrorism is a modest but significant initiative.

About 300 individuals and families will benefit from this commitment to compensation of up to a maximum of \$75,000. The cost of our commitment to the victims of terrorism is about \$30 million.

The Coalition will keep faith with the Australian victims of terrorism and

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