



PRIME MINISTER  
CANBERRA

**MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER JULIA GILLARD**

**NAGARATHAR SANGAM AUSTRALIA  
SANGAMAM 2013**

I am delighted to send my best wishes to the Naragathar community on the occasion of your first Australian Sangamam event.

Established in 2001, NSA is doing much to promote and preserve the ancient Chettinad culture.

This celebration, bringing together Naragathar people from around Australia and New Zealand, will be a wonderful opportunity to share stories, enjoy cultural activities and look forward to the future with optimism.

It is also a time to reflect that, as the Naragathar people have settled far and wide, so has Australia become home for peoples from across the globe. This has contributed to a diverse, vibrant society greatly enriched by many cultural and religious traditions.

Activities such as Sangamam 2013 do much to illuminate these traditions and nurture them in our national life.

I wish everyone attending Sangamam 2013 every enjoyment and success in celebrating your culture in Canberra.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julia Gillard'.

The Honourable Julia Gillard  
Prime Minister of Australia