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Dear APS colleagues

Let me start by thanking you for your extraordinary service and dedication.

The stresses and strains are real. The Prime Minister, myself and the whole Cabinet have seen the immense work done under extreme pressure. Many of you are working around the clock, literally. We could not be more appreciative or thankful.

The two words Public and Service have never been more linked nor more apt.

At the same time you may be parents of young children or you may have elderly parents. Each of you will be worried about families and friends in your own lives.

We are entering times of profound health, economic and social challenge. In short, I simply want to say thank you for this service. It is now the work of our lives – and in so doing you are all helping to save lives and protect lives.

I thank you for all you have done so far and I thank you for all that each of you will do to help in the coming weeks and months. We know that working arrangements will change, that some will be ill or caring for others.

As we support the country, can I equally urge each of us to support each other.

You are magnificent and I am honoured to work with you as are all of the members of the Cabinet.

Take care and let us together do all we can to care for each other and to help Australia and Australians get through the coming six months.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Greg Hunt'.

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