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A Scout Promise and Law for All Young Australians

Dear Scouts of Australia, Members and Supporters,

We are proud and excited to announce that after three years of planning, research and consultation, on Saturday the 22nd July 2017 the National Council of Scouts Australia endorsed the new Australian Scout Promise and the Australian Scout Law.

Scouts Australia now has one Promise, with two versions. Following the World Organisation of the Scout Movement philosophy of one developmental program from ages 6 to 26 years, the Promise will be used across all five of our Sections. As Australia's young people become more diverse, from a multitude of backgrounds and beliefs, we now have a Promise they can make with conviction, and a Law they can easily understand and follow.

Each member will choose from two Promise options. Both options have the support of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.

Each member will now choose from the following versions of our Promise;

<i>On my honour, I promise</i>	<i>or,</i>	<i>On my honour</i>
<i>To do my best,</i>		<i>I promise that I will do my best</i>
<i>To be true to my spiritual beliefs,</i>		<i>To do my duty to my God, and</i>
<i>To contribute to my community and our world,</i>		<i>To the Queen of Australia</i>
<i>To help other people,</i>		<i>To help other people,</i>
<i>And to live by the Scout Law</i>		<i>And to live by the Scout Law</i>

We now have one Law to be used across all five Sections:

- **Be Respectful**
 - *Be friendly and considerate*
 - *Care for others and the environment*
- **Do What is Right**
 - *Be trustworthy, honest and fair*
 - *Use resources wisely*
- **Believe in Myself**
 - *Learn from my experiences*
 - *Face challenges with courage*

Resources giving a fuller explanation of the wording and how it will be incorporated into the Scouting program, will be available to download from the Youth Program Review website in September 2017. More information regarding the resources will be disseminated through Scouts Australia's communication channels.

The resources will include:

- Discussion Guides
- Program Activities
- Promise & Law Posters

We invite every Group across Australia to use these resources to assist all members to understand and live by our Promise & Law.

The Promise and Law review is one important step in preparing Scouting for the next generation of young Australians. In 2018, we implement our newly developed Scout Method, Areas of Personal Growth and other revised fundamentals of the Scouting program.

We congratulate all our volunteers who have spent countless hours on this project, and all our members who provided valuable feedback.

By living by the values of our Promise & Law, Scouts in Australia will 'Create a Better World'.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Bates". The signature is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Chris Bates
Chief Commissioner
Scouts Australia

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Wise".

Chris Wise
Acting Chief Commissioner
Scouts Australia (SA Branch)

