



## Statement of Faith Against Modern Slavery

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The Australian Christian Churches believes that every human being is entitled to freedom and equality, to live with dignity and be treated with respect.

As a movement of over 1,000 churches, we condemn slavery in all its forms and we are committed to actively ensure that human trafficking is eradicated in our world during our generation.

Today we stand as advocates for the freedom of those whose lives are being traded as commodities, and as a voice for liberty and justice for those who have no voice and whose rights have been violated.

We believe, according to the Scriptures, that this is our mandate; in the words declared by Jesus: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news to the poor; to proclaim that captives will be released, the blind will see; **that the oppressed will be set free...**”* (Luke 4:18 NLT)

Together with the co-signatories of the Australian Freedom Network, the Australian Christian Churches affirms our support for every effort and endeavour to effectively stand against and eliminate human trafficking in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We believe that by working together in faith, we can achieve this goal.