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## STATEMENT FROM THE PREMIER

What has occurred in Porepunkah today is shocking and utterly heartbreaking.

Two Victoria Police officers have lost their lives in the service of our state. Another has been seriously injured. These families are facing a kind of grief they should never have to endure.

Policing comes with danger, and every day, our officers meet that danger with such enormous courage and dedication. This tragedy is a painful reminder of that bravery.

Our Government stands with Victoria Police – today, and every day they wear that uniform with pride.

And we stand with the community of Porepunkah – who are now carrying the weight of this horrific day.

They will not carry that weight alone.

Our thoughts are with the emergency services still responding to this unthinkable crime.

And our hearts are with the families, friends and colleagues of those who have been lost.

Every support they need, we will provide.

Today is a tragic day for our state.