



Australian Federation
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Meeting with Deputy Ombudsman

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Taking a proactive step following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual abuse AFIC president Dr. Rateb Jneid, brother Abdul Rahman Yahaya, President of Islamic Council of WA (ICWA) and ICWA Vice president brother Zouber Sayed met with Mary White, Deputy Ombudsman and Kyle Heritage Principal Project Manager at Albert Facey House in Perth.

AFIC participated in the consultations on the reportable conduct scheme, a significant milestone in protecting children from sexual and other forms of abuse and enhancing safe environments for vulnerable children in Western Australia.

Under the Scheme, heads of institutions are required to report certain allegations, conduct or convictions involving their employees or volunteers and must allow an external body to investigate allegations and scrutinize institutional systems.

Dr Jneid highlighted the importance of supporting Australian Children regardless of religion, race, culture or gender and committed to utilise substantial resources within Muslims Australia AFIC and the nine councils nationally in order to continue to protect from abuse children and young people.

ICWA vice president, Zouber Sayed, recommended awareness and educational programs be implemented in engaging with parents, staff and children.

ICWA president, Brother Abdul Rahman Yahaya, sees the light at the end of the tunnel with this scheme finally being introduced as many have waited far too long.

Deputy Ombudsman Ms. Mary white expressed her deep commitment to the Scheme and welcomed Muslims Australia AFIC's partnership, which will strengthen the WA parliament's move ahead with the scheme.

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