



Australian Federation
of Islamic Councils

AFIC welcomes Senator Kenneally and Federal Labor MPs to discuss RWE

Media Statement

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This morning, Senator Kristina Kenneally joined Labor MPs Dr. Anne Aly, Mr. Ed Husic and Dr. Jim Chalmers for a meeting with Dr. Rateb Jneid (President of AFIC), Mr. Jamal EL-Kholed (AFIC VP), Mr. Mohamed Berjaoui (Executive member), Mr. Abdul Rahman Yahaya (president ICWA), Ms. Sara Ali (Legal Support Officer) and Br. K Trad and a number of significant community leaders in an online meeting to discuss Countering Right Wing Extremism (RWE).

Following on from Senator Kenneally's refreshing and most welcome speech to the Australian Strategic Policy Institute Counter-terrorism Dialogue 2020, WA MP Dr. Anne Aly along with NSW MP Mr. Ed Husic organised an online meeting with the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils and Muslim leaders from a number of AFIC member societies to discuss ways forward to keep Australia safe.

Leaders were highly critical of double standards in addressing extremism. "Our laws are strong, but they are selectively implemented." Said Dr. Rateb Jneid, president of AFIC.

At present, Australia lists no right wing extremists among the 27 proscribed organisations. The Australian Government needs to stop ignoring this significant threat in order to prevent another Brenton Tarrant.

AFIC is preparing a submission to the government on combatting RWE, we invite all members of the community to contribute by sending their proposals to:

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