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AFIC congratulates NSW parliamentary committee for endorsing proposal to support religious freedom

Media Statement

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"AFIC, the peak Muslim body since 1964 thanks The Joint Select Committee on the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms and Equality) Bill 2020 for endorsing religious freedom in NSW. Religious freedom is a right that must be accorded to all Australians." Said AFIC president Dr Rateb Jneid.

"This Amendment Bill does not diminish the freedom of any group; it merely injects some much-needed balance that was missing from our anti-discrimination laws." Said AFIC CEO Keysar Trad.

"I am grateful to those members on the committee who supported the Bill, to Mark Latham MLC for introducing it and to all the groups and individuals who made submissions in support of the Bill. The NSW government must now move quickly to implement the committee recommendations and amend the law. Having overseen the development of AFIC's submission, I appreciate all the effort and expense that were given by everyone, especially the submitters, in support of religious freedom." Said Dr Jneid.

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