



THE NATIONAL GRAND MUFTI OF AUSTRALIA



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Statement from the National Grand Mufti of Australia The Most Eminent Sheikh Abdul Quddoos Al Azhari

In the name of Allah the beneficent the merciful

الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على أشرف الأنبياء والمرسلين

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the universe, peace and blessings of Allah upon our beloved Nabi, Muhammed (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasalam)

I have received many questions, “Why should there be two Grand Muftis in Australia?”

The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) is the original owner and appointer of this position. I reluctantly agreed to take this post earlier this year because I want to give additional support to the community through AFIC. I believe that the whole community should be supporting and cooperating with AFIC.

To set the record straight, I would like to confirm that Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohammed, the Grand Mufti at ANIC is a learned scholar and my respected and valued good friend for more than 25 years.

I also would like to confirm that Sheikh Shadi Al Suleiman, the President of ANIC, was close to me since he was a very young man and I care for him just like any of my sons and the thousands of youth in Australia, Fiji, Malaysia, India, many Arab countries and other communities around the world, whom I have had the pleasure to serve over the years.

I also would like to confirm here that my door as the National Grand Mufti of Australia will always be open for bringing unity and inclusion for all hard-working people of the community in Australia.

May Allah bless us and guide us all to work sincerely for the betterment of the community and for the betterment of Australia

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