



Australian Federation  
of Islamic Councils

**Media Statement**

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## **AFIC Cancels Planned Webinar interviews with Afghan representatives**

The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, in response to community concerns about developments in Afghanistan organised a panel of distinguished individuals to interview representatives of the regime in Afghanistan in the hope of obtaining assurances for the human rights of minorities, the rights of women to employment and education and to dissuade Australians from travelling to the region with any wrongful intent.

“This event was not convened to legitimise any group or to offend any group, it was purely to obtain the afore stated assurances.” Said AFIC President Dr Rateb Jneid.

Discussions had taken place with officials in Australia during the fermentation of the idea, with a view to possibly having officials involved in posing our questions.

The event was advertised on our FB page yesterday and it generated both support and criticism, privately and publicly.

“In view of the developments, I have taken the executive decision to cancel the event.” Said Dr Jneid.

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