



Australian Federation
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AFIC Congratulates President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his Election

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The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC), on behalf of the Australian Muslim community, extends its warmest congratulations to His Excellency President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his victory in the recent presidential election of Türkiye. President Erdogan's re-election as the President of Türkiye demonstrates the trust and confidence the Turkish people have placed in his leadership and vision for the country.

AFIC President, Dr Rateb Jneid, stated, "Under his guidance, Türkiye has made significant progress in various fields, including economic development, infrastructure, and social welfare. His commitment to the people of Türkiye and the Muslim community globally is unquestioned and underpins this historic victory. We extend to him and all the people of Türkiye our congratulations."

We note that these elections had an 85% participation rate and clearly show the commitment of the Turkish people to the democratic process and that the results, despite claims to the contrary, are a reflection of the will of the people of Türkiye.

The Most Eminent Sheikh Abdul Quddoos Al-Azhari, National Grand Mufti of Australia, said " The people of Türkiye have spoken loudly and clearly in this election and we congratulate His Excellency President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his re-election."

As the peak organisation representing the interests of Australian Muslims, AFIC acknowledges the importance of strong leadership in fostering unity and progress within our respective communities. We commend President Erdogan for his unwavering dedication to the betterment of Türkiye and his efforts in advancing the rights and well-being of Turkish citizens, including the Muslim community.

The Australian Muslim community has enjoyed a longstanding and fruitful relationship with Türkiye, deeply rooted in historical, cultural, and religious ties. We look forward to further strengthening this bond under President Erdogan's continued leadership, as we work collaboratively to promote understanding, peace, and harmony both locally and globally. AFIC believes that President Erdogan's victory will bring stability, prosperity, and further opportunities for dialogue and cooperation between Türkiye and Australia. We extend our best wishes to President Erdogan and the people of Türkiye as they embark on this next chapter of their nation's history.

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