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Press Release

AFIC Congratulations Australian Muslim Advocacy Network in the Landmark Decision Against Hate Speech

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The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) celebrates the monumental legal victory in the fight against hate speech, as declared by the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) on 21 May 2024. This historic ruling asserts jurisdiction over Twitter Australia Holdings Pty Limited and X Corp, holding global social media companies accountable for content that violates Australian hate speech laws.

The action by the Australian Muslim Advocacy Network Ltd (AMAN), marks a significant step forward in ensuring that social media platforms adhere to the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld) and may have nationwide implications. The decision underscores the importance of maintaining a respectful and inclusive online environment, free from content that incites hatred and discrimination.

'AFIC commends AMAN's resolute efforts in challenging the dissemination of anti-Muslim hate material' Said Dr Rateb Jneid President of AFIC. This legal triumph sets a precedent that protections under Australian law extend to social media companies, and that hate speech will not be tolerated nor governed by corporate discretion.

'AFIC recognises the positive implications of this decision for all communities affected by hate speech' the President continued. AFIC stands in solidarity with AMAN and all who advocate for a safer, more respectful society and online safety.

We congratulate AMAN on this legal victory and remain committed to supporting efforts that promote dignity and respect for all individuals, regardless of their background or beliefs.

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