



Australian Federation
of Islamic Councils

AFIC Marks International Day to Combat Islamophobia with a Powerful Call to Action

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On the occasion of the International Day to Combat Islamophobia, the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) releases a comprehensive Statement highlighting the continued challenges faced by Muslims in Australia and globally. As this day marks the anniversary of the tragic Christchurch Mosque shootings, AFIC reiterates the urgent need for a concerted effort to combat rising Islamophobia.

Dr. Rateb Jneid, President of AFIC, emphasises, "While we remember the victims of Christchurch and reflect on that dark day, we must also confront the persistent and pervasive issue of Islamophobia that affects countless lives. Our Statement not only recounts the sombre realities but also calls for immediate and tangible actions to foster a more inclusive and safe environment for all."

The AFIC Statement outlines the systemic and institutional factors contributing to anti-Muslim sentiment and calls for:

- **Enhanced legal protections against hate crimes targeting religious beliefs.**
- **Government and community engagement to effectively address and prevent Islamophobia.**
- **Support for educational programs that promote an understanding of Muslim contributions to Australian society.**

"We urge everyone, from policymakers to community leaders, to read the full document available on our website. It is time to translate sympathy into action and ensure that the horrors of hate-driven violence are never repeated," Dr. Jneid added.

AFIC's detailed analysis and call to action reflect a proactive approach to not just memorialize the past but shape a future where such atrocities are unthinkable. To read the full document and join the conversation on how we can collectively combat Islamophobia, visit <https://afic.com.au/2025/03/international-day-to-combat-islamophobia/>

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