



ALLIANCE
OF AUSTRALIAN MUSLIMS

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Faith, Unity, Justice and Equal Citizenship

Purpose

These National Position Statements set out the Alliance of Australian Muslims' overarching national positions and guide AAM's advocacy, public engagement, policy development and community initiatives. They do not replace the constitutions, policies, governance responsibilities, or legal and organisational independence of AAM member organisations.

Preamble

The Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM), representing more than 260 mainstream Muslim organisations across all Australian states and territories, serves as a united and independent national platform for Muslim community representation, political advocacy, public engagement and community development.

AAM is committed to serving Islam and Australian Muslims, preserving Islamic identity, strengthening Muslim unity, defending religious freedom and civil rights, and advancing the safety, dignity, welfare and long-term interests of the Australian Muslim community.

AAM will engage constructively, confidently and independently with governments, political parties, institutions, media organisations and wider Australian society. This engagement will remain principled, consistent with Islamic values and accountable to AAM's member organisations and the Australian Muslim community.





AAM's Islamic Foundation

Allah Almighty says:

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided."

Qur'an 3:103

Allah Almighty also says:

"O humanity! Indeed, We created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may know one another. Surely, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous among you. Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware."

Qur'an 49:13

The Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

"A Muslim is the brother of another Muslim. He does not oppress him, abandon him or look down upon him." Muslim

The Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, also said:

"None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself."

Al-Bukhari and Muslim

AAM's Role

AAM's role is to provide collective national representation and coordinated advocacy on political, social, legal, humanitarian and community matters affecting Australian Muslims.

AAM recognises and respects the Australian National Imams Council's role as a national Islamic religious leadership body. ANIC provides religious leadership and guidance within its mandate, while AAM coordinates broader political advocacy, government engagement, media representation, public policy and community development on behalf of its member organisations.

AAM is politically neutral and independent of political parties, governments and foreign interests. It will engage constructively and professionally across the political spectrum while remaining accountable to its mission, governance, member organisations and the Australian Muslim community.

AAM affirms that Australia is our country and home. Australian Muslims belong fully to this nation and are committed to its peace, social harmony, security, prosperity and future. This commitment is consistent with Islamic teachings on fulfilling obligations, good character and responsible citizenship, and is demonstrated through respect for the law, active participation in public life, service to the wider community and constructive contributions to the national interest.



AAM's Guiding Principles

AAM Affirms That:

1. Islam, the Qur'an, the Sunnah and the mainstream teachings of Islam are the foundation of our values and service.
2. The unity of Australian Muslims is a religious responsibility and a practical necessity.
3. The Australian Muslim community is diverse in its cultures, organisations, Islamic schools of thought and legitimate religious opinions.
4. Differences must be approached through mutual respect, consultation, Islamic ethics and a commitment to the common good.
5. Islamic identity must be preserved and passed confidently to future generations of Australian Muslims.
6. Australian Muslims are entitled to equal citizenship, religious freedom, safety, dignity and full participation in public life.
7. AAM will defend Muslim individuals, leaders, institutions and organisations when they are unfairly targeted, vilified, discriminated against or excluded.
8. Justice, human dignity and human rights must be applied consistently, without double standards based on religion, race, ethnicity, nationality or political interest.
9. Australian Muslims are an integral part of Australian society and are committed to contributing positively to Australia's peace, social harmony, security, prosperity and future.
10. AAM rejects attempts to hold Islam, Australian Muslims, Muslim leaders or Muslim institutions collectively responsible for the unlawful actions of individuals, organisations, governments or overseas actors.
11. Constructive engagement must not require Australian Muslims to compromise their faith, identity, principles or legitimate community interests.

AAM's Commitments

AAM Commits To:

1. Consulting its member organisations before adopting major national positions.
2. Ensuring that consultation, where appropriate, includes member organisations, Imams, scholars, professionals, women, young people, new Muslims, regional communities, and people directly affected by the matter under consideration.
3. Representing Australian Muslim concerns firmly, accurately and responsibly.
4. Coordinating advocacy across political, legal, media, professional and community sectors.



5. Protecting the independence and integrity of Muslim community representation.
6. Promoting Muslim unity while respecting legitimate religious, cultural and organisational diversity.
7. Defending Muslim individuals, leaders and organisations that are unfairly targeted.
8. Supporting stronger governance, leadership and institutional capacity across the Muslim community.
9. Engaging governments and institutions constructively while maintaining the right to criticise unjust laws, policies and conduct.
10. Reporting to members on significant advocacy, government engagement and policy outcomes.
11. Reviewing AAM's national positions in response to major legal, political, social and international developments.

AAM's Non-negotiable Principles

AAM will not compromise on:

1. The integrity of Islamic beliefs, teachings and practices.
2. The right of Muslims to practice, teach, express and preserve their faith.
3. The preservation of Islamic identity for present and future generations.
4. The unity, safety, dignity and lawful interests of Australian Muslims.
5. Opposition to Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate and religious or racial discrimination.
6. The right to lawful religious expression, political advocacy, freedom of association and peaceful protest.
7. The Palestinian people's rights to freedom, justice, self-determination and the right of return, and the rights, dignity and protection of other oppressed communities.
8. The equal application of international law and fundamental human rights.
9. The independence of Muslim community leadership and representation.



Definitions

For the purposes of these National Position Statements:

1. Mainstream Islamic teachings mean the authentic and recognised teachings of Islam, rooted in the Qur'an and Sunnah and informed by recognised Muslim scholars, past and present.
2. Islamophobia includes institutional, political, cultural, online or interpersonal hostility, discrimination, prejudice or collective suspicion directed towards Islam, Muslims or people perceived to be Muslim.
3. Anti-Muslim hatred includes hatred, vilification, intimidation, discrimination or violence directed towards Muslims, Muslim communities or Islamic institutions.
4. Religious freedom includes the right to hold, practise, teach, express and preserve religious beliefs individually and collectively, subject to lawful and proportionate limitations.
5. Equal citizenship means that Australian Muslims are entitled to the same rights, protections, responsibilities, opportunities and participation in public life as all other Australians.
6. Peaceful advocacy includes lawful political communication, public campaigning, protest, association and expression on matters of religious, social, humanitarian, political or international affairs and concern.
7. Social harmony means a society based on justice, mutual respect, equal treatment, safety, belonging and constructive cooperation among its diverse communities.
8. Representative Muslim organisations mean organisations with legitimate governance, demonstrated community engagement and meaningful connections to the communities they represent.





Position 1: Muslim Unity, Representation and National Coordination

Public position

The Alliance of Australian Muslims affirms that Muslim unity is both a religious responsibility and a national community priority. AAM will promote cooperation, mutual respect and collective representation among Australian Muslim organisations and leaders.

AAM's position

The Australian Muslim community encompasses many cultures, institutions, schools of Islamic thought and legitimate religious opinions. This diversity should be a source of strength rather than division.

Unity does not require complete agreement on every matter. It requires respect, consultation, ethical disagreement and cooperation on shared interests and challenges.

Internal conflict, personal attacks and unnecessary organisational rivalry weaken collective representation and adversely affect the entire Muslim community. Differences should be managed through consultation, Islamic ethics and appropriate dispute-resolution processes.

AAM will provide a national platform through which Muslim organisations can coordinate their advocacy, strengthen their institutions and present collective positions on matters of shared importance.

AAM Stands For:

1. Regular national consultation among Muslim organisations, Imams, community leaders, professionals, women and young people.
2. Coordinated national positions on major political, legal, social and international issues affecting Australian Muslims.
3. Respect for legitimate Islamic, cultural and organisational diversity within the Muslim community.
4. Constructive and confidential mechanisms for resolving internal disputes.
5. Stronger cooperation among national, state and local Muslim organisations.
6. Collective support for Muslim individuals, leaders and organisations that are unfairly attacked or targeted.
7. Greater investment in Muslim leadership, governance, strategic planning and community capacity.
8. Transparent and accountable national representation that remains connected to grassroots Muslim communities.
9. Cooperation with organisations that share AAM's commitment to Islam, unity, justice and the welfare of Australian Muslims.





Position 2: Islamic Identity, Education and Future Generations

Public position

The Alliance of Australian Muslims affirms the right and responsibility of Australian Muslims to preserve their Islamic identity, educate their children in their faith and raise future generations who are confident as Muslims and active contributors to Australia.

This includes preserving and promoting the traditional, authentic and mainstream understanding of Islam based on the Quran and Sunnah, as understood and explained by recognised Muslim scholars, past and present.

AAM's position

Islamic identity is essential to the religious, moral and social wellbeing of Australian Muslims. Muslim children and young people should not be pressured to choose between being faithful Muslims and active Australians.

The preservation of Islamic identity requires strong families, mosques, Islamic schools, Qur'anic education, youth programs, qualified religious leadership and institutions capable of responding to the realities of Australian society.

AAM Stands For:

1. Protection and support for Islamic schools, Qur'anic schools, weekend schools, youth programs and community education.
2. Respect for the rights and responsibilities of parents in the religious and moral education of their children.
3. Fair treatment of Islamic schools in government funding, regulation, accreditation and public debate.
4. Development of locally trained Imams, Shaykhahs, chaplains, educators and community leaders.
5. Investment in Muslim youth leadership, women's leadership, professional development and community capacity.
6. Support for programs addressing intergenerational challenges, faith development, belonging and the wellbeing of Muslim young people.
7. Recognition of the positive role of Islamic institutions in strengthening family life, community service, social responsibility and civic participation.
8. Meaningful consultation with Muslim parents, educators and religious leaders on policies affecting religious education, family life and Islamic identity.





Position 3: Religious Freedom, Civil Rights and Civic Participation

Public position

The Alliance of Australian Muslims supports strong, balanced and enforceable protections for religious freedom, civil rights and participation. Australian Muslims must be able to practise their faith and participate fully in public life without discrimination, intimidation or pressure to compromise their religious beliefs.

AAM's Position

Religious freedom is not special treatment. It is an essential part of equal citizenship.

For Australian Muslims, religious freedom includes the ability to pray, fast, wear religious dress, access halal food, attend Friday and Eid prayers, educate children in faith-based settings, operate mosques and Islamic schools, receive religious and pastoral care, establish religious institutions and participate in public life without discrimination.

Religious freedom protects both individuals and communities. It includes worship, teaching, religious association, faith-based education, institutional autonomy, pastoral care, charitable service and lawful public religious expression.

AAM rejects the suggestion that religious freedom and social harmony are competing interests. Genuine social harmony requires that people of all faiths be treated with dignity and participate in society without concealing or abandoning their religious identity.

Australia's legal protections against religious discrimination remain incomplete and do not always provide effective or enforceable remedies.

AAM Stands For:

1. Comprehensive federal laws providing strong and enforceable protection against discrimination based on religion, religious identity, race and ethnicity, comparable to the protections available against discrimination based on other protected characteristics.
2. Protection against discrimination based on religious belief, religious activity, religious identity and lawful religious expression.
3. Protection for Muslims and other faith communities in workplaces, schools, universities, public institutions and service settings.
4. Reasonable religious accommodation, including prayer facilities, Ramadan and Eid awareness, halal food, modest dress, Friday prayer arrangements and other reasonable religious services, practices and needs.
5. Appropriate Islamic religious services and pastoral care in hospitals, aged-care facilities, correctional centres, detention facilities, universities, workplaces, emergency services, police services and the Australian Defence Force.
6. Recognition and reasonable accommodation of Muslim funeral, burial, dietary, healthcare and religious observance requirements.



7. Fair treatment of Islamic and other faith-based schools in public debate, funding, regulation and accreditation.
8. Protection of the ability of faith-based institutions to preserve their religious character, teachings and ethos, consistent with appropriate legal, safeguarding and professional standards.
9. Respect for the rights and responsibilities of parents in the religious and moral education of their children.
10. Protection of freedom of speech, political communication, peaceful protest and freedom of association.
11. Safeguards to ensure that hate speech, extremism and national security laws are not misused to silence lawful religious expression, political advocacy or peaceful protest, or to unfairly target particular religious, racial, ethnic, minority or other marginalised communities.
12. Meaningful Muslim representation on government advisory bodies, multicultural councils, education panels, police liaison groups and public policy consultations.
13. Public policy consultation that recognises representative Muslim organisations rather than relying on tokenistic or unrepresentative engagement.



Position 4: Combating Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate and Protecting Australian Muslim Communities

Public position

The Alliance of Australian Muslims calls for urgent, coordinated and measurable national action to address Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate and threats to the safety, dignity and equal participation of Australian Muslims.

AAM's Position

Islamophobia is not limited to isolated acts of personal prejudice. It can be institutional, political, cultural, online and interpersonal.

It affects whether Muslim women feel safe wearing hijab, whether children feel safe at school, whether mosques and Islamic centres can operate without fear, whether employees are treated fairly and whether Muslims can participate in public life without being portrayed as suspicious, disloyal or extremist.

Muslim women, young people, religious leaders, community organisations and advocates for Palestine can experience distinct and intensified forms of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate.



Combating Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate requires a whole-of-government and whole-of-society response. It must include law reform, education, community safety, media accountability, workplace protection, school-based responses, online safety and meaningful support for victims.

AAM calls for a comprehensive national approach to strengthening the safety of mosques, schools, Islamic centres, community facilities and major Muslim events. Security funding must be accompanied by sustained action addressing the causes, consequences and normalisation of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate.

Muslim communities should not carry the entire burden of protecting themselves while the political rhetoric, media narratives, institutional practices and online conduct contributing to anti-Muslim hostility remain unaddressed.

AAM Stands For:

1. Full implementation of the recommendations of the Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia through a funded national action plan.
2. Clear implementation responsibilities, measurable targets, community oversight, defined timelines and annual public reporting.
3. A permanent national Islamophobia reporting, referral and support mechanism trusted by Muslim communities.
4. Ongoing security funding for mosques, Islamic schools, Islamic centres, community facilities and major Muslim public events.
5. Stronger legal protections against religious vilification, hate crimes, incitement and anti-Muslim discrimination.
6. Islamophobia awareness and institutional-bias training for police, schools, universities, public servants, elected representatives, media organisations and major employers.
7. A dedicated national support pathway for victims of Islamophobia, including legal referrals, counselling, workplace advocacy, school-based assistance and trauma-informed services.
8. Annual public reporting on Islamophobia, including online abuse, physical attacks, workplace discrimination, school incidents, gendered Islamophobia and attacks on places of worship.
9. Clear standards of responsibility and accountability for politicians and public officials who promote hostility, misinformation or collective suspicion towards Muslims.
10. Stronger media accountability where Muslims, Islamic institutions or advocates for Palestine are unfairly portrayed as extremists, security threats or collectively responsible for overseas events.
11. Specific responses to gendered Islamophobia, particularly abuse and violence directed towards visibly Muslim women.



12. Age-appropriate education about Islamophobia, religious diversity and anti-Muslim prejudice in Australian schools.
13. Stronger obligations on digital platforms to respond to threats, incitement, doxxing and coordinated anti-Muslim abuse.
14. Independent evaluation of counterterrorism, extremism and social cohesion policies to identify discriminatory or disproportionate impacts on Muslim communities.
15. Direct consultation with representative Muslim organisations when laws or policies materially affecting Australian Muslims are being developed.
16. Recognition that an attack on any mosque or place of worship is an attack on the safety, dignity and religious freedom of the wider community.



Position 5: Palestine, International Law and the Right to Peaceful Advocacy

Public Position

The Alliance of Australian Muslims stands with the Palestinian people in their struggle for freedom, dignity, justice, self-determination and return. AAM calls for an Australian foreign policy that consistently upholds international law, protects civilians, supports accountability for war crimes and other serious violations, and rejects occupation, forced displacement, collective punishment and racial discrimination.

AAM's Position

Palestine remains one of the most significant moral, humanitarian and political concerns for Australian Muslims. It is also a matter of international law, human dignity and fundamental human rights.

AAM welcomes Australia's formal recognition of the State of Palestine. Recognition must be followed by meaningful diplomatic, humanitarian and legal action supporting the Palestinian people's rights to self-determination, the return of return, freedom, sovereignty and equality.

AAM condemns Israel's genocide in Gaza, including the mass killing of civilians, forced displacement, starvation, siege and widespread destruction of homes, hospitals, schools, places of worship and essential civilian infrastructure.

AAM also condemns Israel's unlawful occupation of Palestinian territories and lands, illegal settlement activity, forced displacement, annexation and denial of the Palestinian people's fundamental rights.

International law must be applied consistently. Human rights and accountability must not depend on the religion, ethnicity or nationality of the victim or perpetrator.



AAM affirms the sanctity of civilian life and opposes unlawful attacks against civilians and hostage-taking by any party. Recognition of this universal principle must not be used to create a false equivalence between an occupied people and an occupying power or to obscure the historical and continuing denial of Palestinian rights.

Australian Muslims, Palestinians, Arabs and their allies must be able to advocate peacefully for Palestinian human rights without being vilified, censored, doxxed, professionally punished or falsely characterised as extremists.

Criticism of Israel, Zionism, occupation or the actions and policies of the Israeli Government must not be conflated with antisemitism.

AAM opposes Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate, anti-Arab racism, anti-Palestinian racism and all forms of religious and racial hatred.

AAM Stands For:

1. Practical Australian support for Palestinian self-determination, sovereignty and the establishment of a free and independent Palestinian state.
2. Recognition and protection of the Palestinian people's right of return, consistent with international law and relevant United Nations resolutions.
3. A permanent end to attacks on civilians, collective punishment, forced displacement, starvation, siege and the destruction of civilian infrastructure.
4. An end to Israel's occupation, illegal settlements, forced displacement and annexation of Palestinian territories and lands.
5. Safe, immediate, unrestricted and sustained humanitarian access, including food, clean water, medicine, shelter and medical assistance.
6. Long-term Australian support for Palestinian-led recovery and reconstruction.
7. Consistent Australian support for the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court and other lawful international accountability mechanisms.
8. Enforcement of international arrest warrants and other lawful international obligations without political favour or selective application.
9. Investigation and accountability where Australian citizens or residents are credibly alleged to have participated in war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide or other serious violations of international law.
10. Targeted diplomatic and economic measures against governments, officials and entities responsible for serious violations of international law.
11. An end to Australian military trade, cooperation or assistance that could contribute to serious violations of international humanitarian law.
12. Appropriate sanctions and a review of diplomatic relations where serious and continuing violations of international law are established.



13. Continued Australian funding and political support for UNRWA and other reputable humanitarian organisations serving Palestinian civilians and refugees.
14. Increased humanitarian pathways, family reunion arrangements and trauma-informed settlement support for Palestinians affected by war, displacement and family separation.
15. Protection of the right to peaceful protest, political communication and lawful advocacy for Palestine in Australia.
16. Protection of students, workers, professionals, religious leaders, community organisations and human rights advocates from doxxing, intimidation, censorship and retaliation.
17. Rejection of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, and any other definition, policy or institutional practice that improperly conflates criticism of Israel or Zionism, opposition to occupation, or advocacy for Palestinian rights with antisemitism.
18. Fair, accurate and balanced media reporting on Palestine, including appropriate representation of Palestinian, Arab and Muslim voices.
19. Opposition to attempts to criminalise or suppress lawful expressions of solidarity with Palestine.
20. Australian diplomatic action supporting accountability, an end to occupation and the full realisation of Palestinian rights.



Position 6: Responsible Government, Political and Media Conduct

Public Position

The Alliance of Australian Muslims supports open democratic debate, a free and independent media and accountable political leadership. These freedoms must not be used to dehumanise communities, spread misinformation or promote hostility towards Muslims and other groups.

AAM's Position

Political and media commentary has real consequences for community safety, public confidence and social harmony.

Australian Muslims should not be portrayed as inherently suspicious, disloyal, extremist or collectively responsible for the conduct of individuals, organisations or overseas actors.

AAM is concerned by double standards through which Muslims and advocates for Palestine are disproportionately required to prove their loyalty, condemn matters beyond their responsibility or defend themselves against inaccurate allegations of extremism.



Freedom of the press and political debate are essential democratic principles. They do not remove the responsibility to report accurately, correct serious errors, distinguish fact from opinion and avoid language that may incite hostility or place communities at risk.

Social cohesion cannot be achieved by silencing legitimate concerns or excluding Muslim voices. It requires fair participation, mutual accountability and the consistent treatment of all communities.

AAM Stands For:

1. Fair, accurate and balanced coverage of Islam and Australian Muslims.
2. Meaningful inclusion of Muslim voices in reporting and public discussions directly concerning Muslim communities.
3. Recognition of the diversity of Muslim views without selecting unrepresentative voices to marginalise established community organisations.
4. Accountability for politicians and public officials who incite hatred, spread misinformation or promote collective suspicion towards religious or racial communities.
5. Stronger and more accessible media complaints, correction and accountability mechanisms.
6. Prompt and prominent correction of serious factual errors about Islam, Muslims, Islamic organisations and community leaders.
7. Greater Muslim participation in journalism, broadcasting, public commentary, policy development and media leadership.
8. Regular and constructive engagement between media organisations and representative Muslim bodies.
9. Consistent political and media standards when addressing Islamophobia, antisemitism, anti-Palestinian racism and other forms of religious or racial hatred.
10. Rejection of collective blame and demands that Muslim organisations answer for conduct with which they have no connection.
11. Evidence-based government policy supported by transparent consultation and appropriate community-impact assessments.
12. Stronger safeguards against politically motivated doxxing, professional retaliation and public intimidation.
13. Respect for lawful criticism of governments, political ideologies, state conduct and foreign policy.
1. Recognition that social cohesion requires justice, equal treatment and the freedom to raise legitimate concerns.





Position 7: Muslim Institutional Strength, Governance and Community Capacity

Public Position

The Alliance of Australian Muslims recognises that strong communities require strong, accountable and sustainable institutions. Muslim organisations must be supported to improve their governance, leadership, compliance, planning, safety and capacity to serve their communities effectively.

AAM's Position

Muslim organisations, mosques, Islamic schools, charities and community centres make significant contributions to religious life, education, welfare, youth development, family support and community service. Their long-term effectiveness requires sound governance, capable leadership, sustainable funding, professional systems and appropriate risk management.

AAM affirms that Muslim institutions must conduct their activities in accordance with Australian law and meet all applicable legal, regulatory, financial, employment, safeguarding, charitable and governance obligations. Compliance should strengthen institutional integrity, public confidence and the ability of Muslim organisations to serve their communities effectively.

Capacity building should remain a major component of AAM's national work and should respond to the needs of organisations of different sizes, locations and levels of development.

AAM Stands For:

2. Governance and compliance training for boards, committees, staff and community leaders, including education about Australian laws, regulatory obligations and relevant legal frameworks.
3. Leadership development, succession planning and mentoring for current and emerging Muslim leaders.
4. Support for strategic planning, organisational policies, financial management and sustainable funding.
5. Strong child safety, safeguarding, complaints-handling and professional-conduct systems that comply with applicable Australian laws and standards.
6. Improved risk management, emergency planning, cybersecurity and institutional safety.
7. Professional communication, media engagement, stakeholder management and public representation.
8. Stronger service delivery, program evaluation, data collection and outcome measurement.



9. Greater cooperation and resource sharing among Muslim organisations, including support for smaller, regional and emerging organisations.
10. Access to professional legal, governance, accounting, human resources and compliance support.
11. Sustainable investment in the long-term infrastructure and institutional capacity of the Australian Muslim community.



Position 8: First Nations, Multicultural and Faith Community Cooperation

Public Position

The Alliance of Australian Muslims is committed to strengthening respectful and lasting relationships with First Nations peoples, multicultural communities and faith communities through dialogue, cooperation, shared advocacy and practical initiatives that promote justice, mutual respect, community safety and social harmony.

AAM acknowledges that Australian society includes people and communities with different faiths, beliefs, ideologies, values and worldviews. Every person has the right to hold, express and practise their religious or philosophical convictions, while respecting the rights, safety and dignity of others.

AAM's Position

Australian Muslims recognise the unique status, history and continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the land. AAM supports respectful engagement with First Nations communities and acknowledges the importance of listening, relationship-building and cooperation on matters of shared concern.

AAM also recognises that cooperation among religious, cultural and community groups strengthens Australia's peace, social harmony and resilience. Such cooperation should be based on mutual respect and should not require any community to compromise its beliefs, identity or legitimate interests.

Respectful cooperation does not require agreement on every religious, moral, political or ideological question. Individuals and communities must remain free to hold firm convictions, practise their beliefs and respectfully disagree with, discuss and debate ideas, theories, ideologies and religious beliefs without hostility, intimidation, vilification or discrimination.

AAM Stands For:

1. Respectful and sustained engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, organisations and communities.



2. Cooperation with multicultural and faith communities on matters of shared concern, including racism, religious hatred, community safety, social disadvantage and equal citizenship.
3. Joint initiatives that promote understanding, justice, dignity, religious freedom and social harmony.
4. Mutual support for communities facing discrimination, vilification, violence or exclusion.
5. Constructive dialogue that respects religious and cultural differences while identifying areas of shared responsibility and cooperation.
6. Protection of the right of individuals and communities to hold, express and practise their religious beliefs and other sincerely held convictions, subject to Australian law and respect for the rights of others.
7. Recognition that cooperation between communities does not require agreement or the surrender of religious principles, identity or sincerely held convictions.
8. Greater participation by Australian Muslims in national conversations concerning reconciliation, multiculturalism, human rights and Australia's shared future.



Governance and authority

AAM adopts national positions through its authorised governance and consultation processes.

These National Position Statements represent AAM's collective positions on public policy and community matters, while respecting the legal and organisational independence of its member organisations.

AAM will review these National Position Statements periodically and may issue additional position statements, policy briefs or campaign positions in response to emerging matters.

Time-sensitive matters, including specific legislation, government programs, court proceedings, international developments or funding announcements, may be addressed through separate AAM policy briefs and public statements.



Final Declaration

Australian Muslims will continue to participate confidently and constructively in the civic, social, cultural and economic life of this nation, without compromising our Islamic faith, identity, values or principles. We affirm that maintaining a strong Islamic identity and contributing positively to Australian society are complementary responsibilities.

We will engage respectfully with governments, political representatives, institutions, civil society and the wider Australian community. Our engagement will remain independent, non-partisan and guided by our faith, collective interests and commitment to justice.

We will advocate firmly and lawfully on matters affecting Australian Muslims and defend the right of all Australians to engage in peaceful advocacy. We will not remain silent in the face of injustice, discrimination, Islamophobia, oppression or the denial of fundamental human rights, whether in Australia or abroad.

We are committed to protecting the religious freedom, civil liberties, safety, dignity and wellbeing of Australian Muslims. We will work to ensure that Muslim voices are heard, Muslim institutions are respected and our community is fairly represented in decisions that affect it.

We will invest in principled leadership, responsible governance, education, youth development and sustainable institutions that preserve our Islamic identity for future generations. Muslim organisations and leaders must serve with integrity, transparency, consultation and accountability.

We will work with all people and organisations genuinely committed to justice, human dignity, equality, religious freedom, community safety and genuine social harmony. Our cooperation will remain principled and respectful while preserving our independence and our right to express our beliefs and advocate for our community.

We reject all forms of racism, religious hatred, vilification, collective punishment and dehumanisation. We affirm the right of all people to live safely, practise their faith and participate fully in society without fear, intimidation or discrimination.

Our unity is our strength, and our diversity is a source of experience and resilience. We call upon Australian Muslim organisations, Imams, community leaders, professionals, young people, women and families to work together with mutual respect, consultation, integrity and shared purpose.





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