

Public Statement

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Bomb Threat Against the Islamic College of Brisbane

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) is deeply alarmed by the hateful bomb threat made against the Islamic College of Brisbane on Friday, 5 September 2025. The threat, reported to Action Against Islamophobia (AAI), caused widespread fear and panic among students, parents, educators, and the broader Queensland Muslim community.

This vile and dangerous threat comes at a time when far-right extremism and antiimmigration sentiment are being normalised across Australia. Only days ago, neo-Nazi groups and far-right political figures led "anti-immigration" marches nationally, where participants donned Australian flags, shouted racist slogans, and scapegoated migrants for social and economic challenges. It is within this toxic climate that extremists are emboldened to threaten violence against innocent children and their communities.

Let us be clear - this is not just an attack on a school or on Muslims. It is an attack on the safety, cohesion, and values of our entire nation. When hate is left unchecked, it threatens every community, every place of worship, and every school across Australia.

ANIC calls on all levels of government, law enforcement, and political leaders to:

- Treat this bomb threat with the utmost seriousness and urgency, with a firm commitment to holding perpetrators accountable.
- Acknowledge and actively address the escalating threat of Islamophobia and far-right extremism in Australia.
- Commit to stronger protections for all communities targeted by racism and hatred.

ANIC stands firmly with the Islamic College of Brisbane, its students, families, and staff. We will not be silenced or intimidated. We will continue to educate, to serve, and to raise the next generation of Australians, stronger, prouder, and more resilient than hate will ever be.

ANIC continues to advise the Muslim community to exercise vigilance and caution and to continue to report Islamophobic incidents and hate crimes to authorities.

If you are a victim or have witnessed an Islamophobic incident or hate crime, please reach out to https://www.actionagainstislamophobia.org.au/ for assistance and support.

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