



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

**DATED** \_\_\_\_\_

**FUNERAL AND BURIAL WISHES**

**OF**

.....

*(Full Name)*



I .....  
(Full Name)

of .....  
(Address)

wish to stipulate my funeral and burial wishes in writing.

### **PREAMBLE**

I wish to declare that I am a Muslim, whereby I took my shahada (declaration of faith) on  
(date).

I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, the One, the Merciful and the Almighty. He is One God and He has no partner. And I bear witness that the Prophet Muhammad is His Servant and His Messenger and the last of all the Prophets, mercy and peace be upon him. I declare my religion as that of Islam.

I ask all my relatives, friends, and others—whether they choose to believe as I believed or not—to honour my Constitutional right to these beliefs. I ask them to honour this document, which I have made, and not to try to obstruct it or change it in any way. Rather, let them see that I am buried as I have asked to be buried.

### **FUNERAL AND BURIAL RIGHTS**

- (a) I direct that no autopsy, cremation or embalming be done on my body unless required by law and that without unjustified delay my body be washed (ghusl), wrapped with cloth free of any ornaments and other articles, prayed for in congregation (in Janazah), then buried in the Muslim section of the relevant cemetery -- which should all be done by Muslims in complete accordance with Islamic tenets.
- (b) In the event I pass in Australia, I request that specially trained persons certified by the ***Australian National Imams Council*** to perform ghusl (washing of body), with allowance of up to 3 family members assist in my ghusl (washing of body).
- (c) In the event that I pass in hospital, I request that a family member remain with my body until I am transported to a Muslim washing service facility.
- (d) I direct that my body shall not be transported over any unreasonable distance from the locality of my death (such as to overseas), particularly when such transportation would necessitate embalming, unless when long distance transportation is required to reach the nearest Muslim cemetery, or any other cemetery selected by my Executor or by the ***Australian National Imams Council***.



- (e) I direct that absolutely no non-Islamic religious service or observance shall be conducted upon my death or on my body. I further direct that no decorations, crosses, flags, any symbols—Islamic or otherwise—or music shall be involved at any stage of the process of conducting my burial or ever be placed at the site of my grave.
- (f) I direct that my body is lowered into the grave only by male representatives of the **Muslim community**, and that I be buried without a casket or any encasement that separates the wrapped body from the surrounding soil. In the event that local laws require casket encasement, I ordain that such encasement be of the simplest, most modest, and least expensive type possible. I further ordain that the encasement be left open during burial and filled with dirt, unless prohibited by law.
- (g) In the event of legal difficulties or disagreements between my family relatives or any other parties in the execution of this Article, I direct the **Australian National Imams Council**, to be contacted in relation to my burial rights, currently located in Chullora NSW, Tel: 1300 765 964, Email: [info@anic.org.au](mailto:info@anic.org.au).

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this, date,

**Signed:** .....

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*Signature of Witness*

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*Signature of Witness*

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*Name of Witness*

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*The attached document can be used by brothers and sisters who have recently reverted to Islam. Whilst the document provides clear instructions as to one's desired funeral and burial rights, we recommend that an Islamic will be considered as it addresses **all** matters concerning one's death. If you are interested in having an Islamic will drafted, email [wills@anic.org.au](mailto:wills@anic.org.au).*

*We also recommend you provide a close family member or your local Imam with a signed copy of the attached document once it has been completed.*