

Motions – ANIC AGM 2024–2025

Unity and Preservation of Identity

Motion 1: Preservation of Islamic Identity

ANIC reaffirms its commitment to preserving the Islamic identity of Muslims in Australia by upholding the mainstream understanding of Islam, rooted in the Qur'an, Sunnah, and the scholarly tradition. We call upon all Imams, Islamic organisations, and community leaders to work collectively in safeguarding the integrity and authenticity of our religion for current and future generations.

Motion 2: Unity and Solidarity Among Imams

ANIC reaffirms that unity and solidarity among Australian Imams and scholars are essential to the preservation of the Muslim community. We call upon all State Imams Councils and leaders to strengthen collaboration, foster mutual respect, and ensure that differences do not undermine the collective interests of the Ummah.

Motion 3: Unity and Standing Firm in Times of Trial

ANIC emphasises that unity and solidarity among Muslims in Australia must remain a central priority, particularly during these challenging times of global injustice, the rise of Islamophobia, and genocide committed in Gaza. We call on all Imams, organisations, and community leaders to put aside differences, collaborate for the common good, and maintain optimism in Allah's support and victory.

Palestine and Global Advocacy

Motion 4: Advocacy for Palestine and Recognition of Statehood

ANIC calls upon the Australian Government to publicly condemn Israel's actions, impose sanctions on the Israeli regime, and adopt broader measures of accountability to ensure justice and uphold international law. We welcome the overdue recognition of the State of Palestine as a positive and historic step and urge further diplomatic and humanitarian action to support the Palestinian people. ANIC unequivocally stands with the Palestinian people in their struggle for freedom, dignity, and justice, and strongly condemns Israel's genocide, daily massacres, and continued occupation.

Motion 5: Advocacy for Oppressed Peoples Worldwide

ANIC stands in solidarity with all oppressed peoples around the world and strongly condemns the aggression, injustice, and violations committed against them. We reaffirm that supporting oppressed Muslims worldwide, in Palestine, East Turkistan, India, and beyond, is a fundamental principle of our Islamic faith and a moral obligation for justice.



Religious Freedom and Rights

Motion 6: Advocacy for Religious Freedom

ANIC reaffirms its commitment to defending religious freedom as a fundamental right for all Australians. We call on federal and state governments to strengthen legal protections for religious belief and practice, including amendments to anti-discrimination and hate-speech laws, to ensure faith communities are fully protected. ANIC also pledges to continue working with other faith groups to promote values-based education and religious freedom in schools.

Motion 7: Freedom of Protest and Advocacy

ANIC supports the right of all Australians, particularly Palestinian advocates, to protest, demonstrate, and hold political representatives accountable through peaceful means. We reject any restrictions on freedom of expression, assembly, or chanting in support of Palestine, and call upon governments to safeguard these democratic rights across all states and territories.

Motion 8: Upholding Religious Freedom in Schools and Institutions

ANIC upholds and supports the right of all faith communities to freely practice, promote, and teach their beliefs in schools, institutions, and community centres. We oppose any legislative or policy changes that restrict religious freedom and condemn all forms of intimidation or harassment of communities or leaders for upholding their sacred scriptures and religious values.

Motion 9: Protection of Muslim Leaders and Advocates

ANIC stands in solidarity with Muslim leaders, scholars, and advocates who defend the rights and freedoms of oppressed peoples and uphold justice. We condemn attempts to smear, discredit, or silence religious and community leaders for speaking out against genocide, Islamophobia, or oppression, as such actions threaten the principles of freedom of religion and speech in Australia.

Motion 10: Rejection of the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism

ANIC rejects the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, as it conflates legitimate criticism of the Israeli occupation and Zionism with antisemitism and restricts freedom of speech. We call on the Australian Government, universities, and all institutions not to adopt this definition, as it risks silencing critical discourse on human rights, justice, and the Palestinian cause.

Islamophobia, Community Safety, and Wellbeing

Motion 11: Combating Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Hate

ANIC commits to intensifying efforts to combat Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate, and hate speech through the Action Against Islamophobia (AAI) initiative. We call upon governments, media bodies, and civil society to adopt stronger measures to protect Muslim communities, while also endorsing the recommendations of the Islamophobia Envoy to tackle systemic prejudice across the nation.



Motion 12: Combating Islamophobia, Anti-Muslim Sentiment, and Palestinian Racism

ANIC raises deep concern over the sharp rise in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim sentiment, and racism against Palestinians in Australia. We call upon the Muslim community to report incidents of Islamophobia, bias, or harassment, and we call on the Australian Government to adopt robust protections to safeguard Muslim and Palestinian communities, their institutions, and their right to safety during these times of heightened hostility.

Family, Leadership, and the Future

Motion 13: Imam Welfare and Training

ANIC recognises the vital role of Imams in guiding and serving the Muslim community. We commit to enhancing their welfare, training, and professional development through regular workshops, wellbeing programs, and leadership training, ensuring they are well-equipped to fulfil their religious, social, and community leadership responsibilities.

Motion 14: Commitment to the Muslim Family Unit and Islamic Values

ANIC reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the Muslim family unit as the cornerstone of the community. We emphasise the importance of upholding Islamic values and principles in marriage, parenting, and family life, affirming that marriage in Islam is between a man and a woman. We pledge to develop programs such as the National Marriage Course and the Islamic Wills Service that provide guidance rooted in the Qur'an and Sunnah. These initiatives aim to protect the integrity of the Muslim household, nurture resilience, and ensure that families remain firmly grounded in faith within the Australian context.

Motion 15: Commitment to the Future

ANIC reaffirms its mission to unite Imams and community leaders to serve the Muslim community and preserve Islamic identity with dignity, integrity, and respect. We commit to expanding initiatives such as youth leadership programs and advocacy campaigns, ensuring a strong, united, and resilient Muslim presence in Australia for generations to come.

