



Motions to be Moved and Adopted at the 19th ANIC Annual General Meeting 2026

Preamble

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC), as Australia's national Islamic religious leadership body, reaffirms its responsibility to preserve Islam and Islamic identity, strengthen unity among Imams and Muslim leaders, provide authentic Islamic guidance in accordance with the Qur'an and Sunnah and the mainstream understanding of Islam, protect the rights and well-being of Australian Muslims, and build strong Islamic institutions for future generations.

Motion 1: Preserving Islam, Islamic Identity, Families, Youth and Education

ANIC reaffirms its commitment to preserving Islam, the mainstream and traditional Islamic teachings of Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jamā'ah, and providing guidance in accordance with the Qur'an and Sunnah and the understanding of recognised mainstream Muslim scholars, past and present.

ANIC recognises that strong Muslim families, effective Islamic education and confident young Muslims are essential to preserving Islam and Islamic identity for future generations.

ANIC calls for stronger Islamic education, youth mentoring and family support to ensure that future generations remain proud of their faith, confident in their Islamic identity and committed to the principles of Islam without compromise.

Motion 2: Australian Muslim Belonging and Contribution

ANIC reaffirms that maintaining a strong Islamic identity and being a responsible, constructive and contributing Australian are complementary responsibilities.

Australian Muslims should remain proud of their faith and Islamic identity, respect and abide by Australian law, contribute positively to Australian society, and uphold their shared responsibility to protect the safety, security and well-being of all Australians.

ANIC rejects any suggestion that Australian Muslims must compromise their Islamic beliefs, principles or identity in order to demonstrate their belonging to Australia.

Motion 3: Unity and Brotherhood Among Imams

ANIC reaffirms the importance of unity, brotherhood, mutual respect and cooperation among Australian Imams, scholars and Muslim leaders.

ANIC calls on all Imams and Muslim leaders to uphold the highest standards of Islamic values and ethics, consultation, brotherhood, and mutual respect; recognise legitimate scholarly differences; avoid division; and strengthen unity, cooperation, and national coordination among Imams and Muslim leaders.



Motion 4: Religious Freedom and Practice

ANIC reaffirms its commitment to religious freedom, freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, and the right to teach, preach, practise and uphold religious beliefs without compromise.

ANIC calls on all levels of government to strengthen protections against religious hatred, vilification and discrimination, and to safeguard lawful Islamic teaching, religious practice, religious expression and peaceful advocacy.

Motion 5: Combating Islamophobia and Protecting the Community

ANIC condemns the rise of Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hatred, anti-Muslim discrimination and threats against Muslims, mosques and Islamic institutions.

ANIC commits to strengthening Action Against Islamophobia, victim support, reporting, community education and awareness, mosque security and crisis response, and calls for the meaningful implementation of the recommendations of the Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia.

ANIC further calls on governments, law enforcement agencies, media organisations and public institutions to apply fair, equal and consistent standards in protecting the Australian Muslim community and to take stronger action to address hatred, hostility and discrimination directed towards Islam and Muslims.

Motion 6: Protection of Mosques, Sacred Spaces and Religious Institutions

ANIC reaffirms that mosques, Islamic centres, Islamic schools and places of worship must remain safe, respected and protected spaces.

ANIC condemns threats, intimidation, desecration and attacks against mosques and religious institutions, and calls for strong legal, security and law enforcement responses to protect Muslim places of worship, Islamic institutions and those who attend them.

Motion 7: Palestine, the Muslim Ummah and Oppressed Peoples

ANIC reaffirms its unwavering support for the Palestinian people's freedom, justice, dignity, right of return and self-determination.

ANIC condemns the ongoing genocide in Gaza, unlawful occupation, killing and displacement of civilians, destruction of homes and essential infrastructure, and illegal settlements by Israel.

ANIC calls on the Australian Government and the international community to take immediate and meaningful action to end the genocide and occupation, protect civilians, ensure humanitarian assistance, uphold international law, pursue accountability, and condemn Israel's ongoing violations of international law and breaches of fundamental human rights.

ANIC rejects attempts to silence or penalise lawful advocacy for Palestinian rights and justice.





ANIC also stands with oppressed peoples across the Muslim Ummah and around the world, including Sudan, Kashmir, the Rohingya and Uyghur Muslims.

Motion 8: National Representation and Public Engagement

ANIC reaffirms its role as the national religious authority responsible for preserving Islam, providing Islamic guidance, and representing Imams and Islamic religious leaders in Australia.

ANIC will strengthen its engagement with government, policymakers, media, faith communities, and wider society while maintaining its religious independence, principles, and integrity.

ANIC supports the complementary role of the Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM) in political advocacy, government engagement and media representation, and will continue to challenge misinformation and unfair narratives about Islam and Muslims.

Motion 9: ANIC Imams' Code of Honour

ANIC members adopt and reaffirm the revised ANIC Imams' Code of Honour.

ANIC calls on all Imams and State Imams Councils to uphold the highest standards of Islamic ethics and values, brotherhood, scholarly integrity, confidentiality, professional conduct, reconciliation and proper dispute resolution.

ANIC affirms that legitimate scholarly disagreement must be managed with knowledge, wisdom, respect and Islamic etiquette, while observing the greater interests of the Muslim community and the wider Muslim Ummah.

Motion 10: Supporting Imams' Wellbeing and Developing Future Religious Leadership

ANIC recognises the significant religious, spiritual, pastoral and community responsibilities carried by Imams and the urgent need to prepare the next generation of Australian Imams, male and female Islamic scholars and religious leaders.

ANIC supports stronger spiritual well-being, mentoring, peer support, and professional assistance for Imams, alongside fair employment conditions, appropriate recognition, and protection from unfair treatment, discrimination, and exploitation.

ANIC further calls for greater investment in Islamic scholarship, education, training, and succession planning to ensure that experienced Imams and scholars pass on their knowledge, experience, and responsibilities to future generations.

