

APRO CONDEMNS ATTACK ON MUSLIM WORSHIPPERS

Members of the Australian Partnership of Religious Organisations express our horror and sorrow at the attack perpetrated on members of the Islamic community at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.

We condemn this attack on innocent people worshipping at a religious institution. All people, no matter where they are in the world, should be able to worship in peace and security in their places of worship in accordance with their beliefs.

We express our deep sympathy to members of the Islamic community here in Australia. Our prayers are with the victims who lost their lives, those injured in the attack, and their families.

We all aspire towards an Australia that enjoys and celebrates religious diversity and provides an example of fairness, tolerance and inter-communal harmony and cooperation. Attacks such as this will only strengthen our resolve to work together for understanding and peace, in Australia and throughout the world.

On behalf of the Australian Partnership of Religious Organisations

Note:

The Australian Partnership of Religious Organisations comprises representatives appointed by the peak bodies of seven major religions in Australia, as well as national-level multicultural and interfaith community organisations and academics with expertise in inter-faith and intercultural relations. Member organisations include:

- National Council of Churches in Australia
- Muslims Australia (Australian Federation of Islamic Councils)
- Executive Council of Australian Jewry
- Australian Baha'i Community
- Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils
- Australian Sangha Association
- Hindu Council of Australia
- National Sikh Council of Australia
- Australian Multicultural Foundation
- Settlement Council of Australia
- UNESCO Chair in inter-religious and inter-cultural relations, Asia-Pacific
- World Conference of Religions for Peace (Australia)