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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL

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ANIC DISMAYED AT THE DESTRUCTION OF GEELONG MOSQUE

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) learnt today with extreme dismay that the Geelong Mosque was destroyed by fire. Of even greater concern is the suggestion that there may be suspicious circumstances to the blaze.

It has been reported that this is the fifth place of worship affected by fire since October last year. If it is indeed determined that the fire was deliberate and malicious, then we condemn the targeting of the Mosque and other places of worships in the strongest possible terms. The bigoted targeting of religious institutions does not have a place in Australia.

ANIC is confident that the authorities will invest greater effort into establishing what has occurred in this latest incident which saw the destruction of Geelong's only Mosque. It is essential that all places of worship are protected and afforded the security that they deserve.

ANIC would like to extend its prayers and well wishes to the Geelong Mosque's committee and its congregation. We also thank the overwhelming support from the wider Australian community and other religious groups in which demonstrates the true Australian spirit. We are happy to provide any assistance that may be needed.

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