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ANIC CONDEMNS BURKA PARLIAMENT STUNT

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) condemns the ridiculous stunt pulled by Senator Pauline Hanson in the senate chamber yesterday. This behaviour reflects poorly on the senator and only further exposes her consistent campaign of intolerance against Muslim Australians.

ANIC affirms that the Burka or Niqab (face veil) is considered by Muslims to be a part of religious dress code. The issue of whether the face veil is mandatory or not is debated amongst Muslim jurists.

ANIC believes that this attack on the face veil for security reasons is dubious and a ploy to scapegoat the Muslim community. The security card is too often being used to marginalise and stigmatise a segment of the Australian community.

ANIC commends all fair-minded politicians and community leaders who continue to uphold the value of embracing other cultures and faiths and calls upon everyone, including the public at large to stand firm against bigotry and racism.

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