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Press Release

ANIC's 12th General Assembly and Newly Elected Executive Committee

The Australian National Imams Council (**ANIC**) held its 12th General Assembly and AGM on Sunday 3 March 2019 in Sydney.

The AGM was honoured by the participation of the Chairmen and members of the respective Councils of Imams from New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and the ACT.

The General Assembly of ANIC discussed and considered various topics and affairs that concern Australian Muslims. It also discussed various proposals and strategies relating to, and the future direction of, ANIC and the Australian Muslim community. Among the matters discussed was the importance of the ongoing unity of Imams in Australia and the Australian Muslim Community.

The ANIC General Assembly also resolved to establish the Australian Fatwa Council which will focus on Fatwas (Islamic Verdicts) on contemporary issues and matters pertaining to Australian Muslims and preservation of the Islamic Identity. The Fatwa Council will be chaired by the Mufti of Australia. Another matter which was canvassed was the importance of encouraging the Australian Muslim community to be more politically active and engaged, particularly in the upcoming State and Federal elections. Finally, all of the Imams affirmed their commitment to serving Islam, the Australian Muslim community and Australia.

The ANIC General Assembly elected new Executive Committee office bearers for a three-year term. ANIC also takes this opportunity to thank the outgoing Executive Committee members for their dedication, contributions and achievements.



The following office bearers, representing the States and ACT in Australia, were elected:

Imam	Position	State
1. Imam Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohammad	Mufti of Australia	NSW
2. Imam Shadi Alsuleiman	President	NSW
3. Imam Imran Hussain	Vice President	QLD
4. Imam Moustapha Sarakbi	Secretary	VIC
5. Imam Tariq Albikae	Treasurer	NSW
6. Imam Jalal Chami	Assistant Secretary	NSW
7. Imam Burhaan Mehtar	Assistant Treasurer	WA
8. Imam Khalid Taleb	Executive Committee Member <i>Council of Imams NSW Chairman</i>	NSW
9. Imam Mohammad Kammoun	Executive Committee Member	NSW
10. Imam Mohammad Khamis	Executive Committee Member	NSW
11. Imam Nabeel Succuriah	Executive Committee Member	NSW
12. Imam Esa Abdo	Executive Committee Member <i>Board of Imams VIC Chairman</i>	VIC
13. Imam Alaa Elzokm	Executive Committee Member	VIC
14. Imam Rabih Bayteiyah	Executive Committee Member	VIC
15. Imam Majdi Esa	Executive Committee Member	VIC
16. Imam Uzair Akbar	Executive Committee Member <i>Council of Imams QLD Chairman</i>	QLD
17. Imam Amin Abu Samaha	Executive Committee Member <i>Council of Imams SA Chairman</i>	SA
18. Imam Abdulsalam Alim	Executive Committee Member	SA
19. Imam Faizel Ghafoor	Executive Committee Member <i>Council of Imams WA Chairman</i>	WA
20. Imam Adam Konda	Executive Committee Member <i>Council of Imams ACT Chairman</i>	ACT

ANIC thanks all of the Imams who attended and participated in the 12th AGM. Their attendance, participation and feedback was of immense value and appreciated. Such engagement and contributions will be of great benefit to the Australian Muslims and, more generally, the Australian society.