



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL



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PUBLIC STATEMENT

Establishment of Community Safety & Security Committee (CSSC)

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) is pleased to inform the community of the recent establishment of the Community Safety & Security Committee (CSSC).

The CSSC will be tasked with assisting and advising the Muslim community on security and emergency management programs and policies.

The CSSC's key objectives will be to:

1. *Design a national security strategy.*
2. *Undertake protective security reviews for Muslim organisations, centres, public places of worship and major events.*
3. *Prepare security solution proposals to take advantage of government grants.*
4. *Conduct safety and security awareness workshops and seminars.*
5. *Provide a central point of contact for State and Federal Authorities for the safety and security of Muslim organisations and their venues in Australia.*

The CSSC will carry out these objectives in conjunction and consultation with State and Federal Authorities. The CSSC will provide advice to ANIC and the Muslim community and organisations on issues of safety and security threats to better protect Mosques, Community Centres and Communal Events.

CSSC will focus its priorities on an overall integrated security plan by providing expert security advisors, trained security personnel, 24hr incident management and response, adequate physical and technical security and most importantly community support and awareness.

ANIC is also pleased to announce the recent appointment of two well experienced security and risk professionals, Youcef Kabbara and Ahmed Homsy, as senior advisors on the CSSC and to carry the duties and tasks of this committee.

We look forward to working together to provide a safe and secure environment for the entire community.

For all security and safety enquiries, please contact cssc@anic.org.au

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