

مجلس الامّة الفدري الى الاسترالي

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL**



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## **PUBLIC STATEMENT**

### **NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATES**

Social distancing restrictions have been reviewed by the Federal Government and a 3 stage plan has been announced.

The implementation of these restrictions have been left to the States and Territory governments. Importantly, social gathering restrictions are still in force and religious gatherings and the opening of places of worship including mosques remain subject to social distancing regulations and limitations on attendees.

Whilst mosques are an integral part of our daily lives, especially during the blessed month of Ramadan, we urge the Australian Muslim community to continue to comply with all of the rules and restrictions, including the number of attendees that are set by the government. We urge the community to maintain social distancing rules until mosques are reopened and resume normal functions.

As Australians Muslims, we have done exceptionally well as a community in countering this pandemic and insha-Allah we can maintain this careful approach.

We extend our gratitude to everyone who has observed the regulations and rules in what is a difficult time. We also thank the Imams, community leaders and Islamic organisations who have been dedicated to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the community and for their ongoing services including during the month of Ramadan.

We also extend our gratitude and appreciation to all of the wonderful Australian frontline workers and leaders for their tireless efforts, outstanding dedication and hard work during the Coronavirus pandemic.