



## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL



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### ANIC Has Won a Lawsuit Against Moustafa Rashed For Defamation

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) has won a lawsuit against Moustafa Rashed for defamation.

Moustafa Rashed falsely claimed that he is Australia's only elected Mufti. He is also Chairman of the International Federation of Muslims for Peace. This organisation falsely claimed it is the only registered organisation in Australia for Muslim Imams.

On Thursday, June 10, 2021, ANIC were able to obtain judgement against Moustafa Rashed. This judgement included defamatory remarks made by him claiming ANIC was a terrorist sympathiser.

Sheikh Shadi Alsuleiman, President of ANIC, commented: *"The Australian National Imams Council won the case against Mustafa Rashed. We hope this judgement clarifies this man's lack of credibility and accordingly his claim as the Mufti of Australia. We reiterate that Moustafa Rashed is not the Mufti of Australia or an Imam in any mosque or any Islamic centre, and he had never ascended a pulpit in Australia, he also has nothing to do with the Muslim community in Australia and has no recognition from anyone from the Muslim community or the Government."*

It is understood that Moustafa Rashed's preaching about Islam have nothing to do with Islam at all, and the comments he propagates in the media are rejected by all Islamic religious scholars and institutions around the world.

ANIC had numerously warned of Moustafa Rashed's actions and informed him that he does not represent any component in the Australian Muslim Community. Accordingly, we repeat the call to all media organisations not to host this man and to not introduce him as the Mufti of Australia. ANIC will consider and exercise all legal avenues against media organisations that continue to falsely represent Moustafa Rashed as the Mufti of Australia or an Islamic religious authority.

ANIC thanks Birchgrove Legal for their continuous efforts and for achieving this and other outstanding results.

**Please see attached judgement: <https://www.anic.org.au/case2020/00195549>**