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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

*All praise is due to Allah the Almighty and peace and blessings upon our Prophet Mohammad the final messenger of Allah.*

The Australian National Imams Council and the Australian Fatwa Council are conscious of keeping the Muslim community united, in particular during Islamic occasions and celebrations. It's therefore, They would like to take this opportunity to make the following announcement:

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the custodians of the two sacred cities Makkah and Madinah, in which the rituals of Hajj including Tawaf, Sa'ai and standing at Arafat are performed, has announced that **Sunday, 11th of July 2021 is the first of the Month of Thul Hijjah in the year 1442** after the Hijrah (Migration of the Prophet Peace Be Upon Him).

As a result, His Eminence the Grand Mufti of Australia Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohamad announces that:

**Monday, 19th of July 2021 will be the Day of Arafah (9th of Thul Hijjah) and**

**Tuesday, 20th of July 2021 (10th of Thul Hijjah)  
Will be the Day of Eid Al-Adha for the Year 1442H - 2021**

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) and the Grand Mufti of Australia take this opportunity to congratulate the entire Muslim world and the Australian Muslim community on the celebration of Eid Al-Adha for the year 1442H. The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) and the Australian Fatwa Council acknowledge, understand and respect the Imams and scholars who may hold a different opinion.

This year's Eid Al-Adha and Hajj will be different. It's unfortunate that many Muslims who intended to perform Hajj will not be able to travel and those who planned to celebrate Eid in large gatherings, as previous years, will also not be possible due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

We urge the Muslim community to continue to be patient, cooperative and compliant during these challenging times and to continue adhering to the health precautionary measures set by the Health Departments in all states and territories, in particular during the Day of Eid.

We ask Allah the Almighty to accept your worship, intentions and sacrifices during these blessed days and nights.

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Grand Mufti of Australia  
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