



## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL



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### COMMUNITY UPDATE

## ANIC and Muslim community representatives meeting with the NSW Police Minister David Elliott and NSW Police Deputy Commissioner Malcolm Lanyon

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC), Council of Imams NSW and Muslim community representatives met with the NSW Police Minister David Elliott and NSW Police Deputy Commissioner Malcolm Lanyon Yesterday, to discuss the current situation and the community's concerns regarding over policing in Western Sydney. These concerns are not linked or tied to any particular community in western Sydney.

The meeting took place as a follow-up to recent correspondence with the Police Minister and NSW Police.

The meeting was forthright and direct in terms of issues and events that required immediate attention, such as the heavy-handed approach and over policing of those residing in South West Sydney.

ANIC has received an influx of complaints from members of the community regarding disproportionate policing powers, which have since surfaced on social and mainstream media.

ANIC and Muslim community representatives set out the seriousness of such events and occurrences in a clear manner and how this jeopardised the importance of maintaining a good relationship between the community and the Police.

The Minister understood and acknowledged the concerns and frustrations and made a commitment to directly address such points with NSW police. He also emphasised the importance of continued engagement with the community both generally and specifically in circumstances that require review.

We acknowledge that these are challenging times and work needs to be done in this space.

We call for patience and understanding during this difficult time.

Further engagement will continue in addressing these issues to determine the best outcomes in dealing with them.