

# **Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**Member of the Legislative Council  
Parliament of New South Wales**



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## **Moselmane responds in Parliament to Sydney Protests**

Labor MLC Shaoquett Moselmane today condemned the protests in Sydney last weekend.

"The events on the weekend deserve unconditional condemnation," Mr Moselmane said in the Legislative Council.

"Those who truly study and worship in the Islamic faith are peace-loving and tolerant.

"I condemn the attacks on the Islamic faith, and I also condemn attacks on all faiths."

Mr Moselmane also called for all Australians to unite against bigotry and accept one another.

"As Australians, we must live together and accept one another," he said.

"We have worked hard to achieve what we have here today."

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## **Response to the Sydney Protests**

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Mr President, I rise to speak on behalf of the Opposition.

I also rise as the first Australian of the Islamic faith elected to this House – the oldest Parliament in Australia.

Mr President, I rise with a heavy heart.

The events on the weekend deserve unconditional condemnation.

I condemn all forms of extremism.

I condemn the attacks on our Police.

Further, I condemn the involvement of children in those protests.

The messages were abhorrent. They betray my faith.

Those who truly study and worship in the Islamic faith are peace-loving and tolerant.

In my opinion, the events of the weekend were not representative of the half a million Muslims in Australia.

I condemn the attacks on the Islamic faith, and I also condemn attacks on all faiths.

Mr President, I arrived in this great nation as an 11-year-old boy from a tiny village in Southern Lebanon.

I attended Rockdale Public School, James Cook High School and studied Law at the University of New South Wales.

Australia changed my life.

Mr President, I correct that – Australia gave me a new life.

That is why the events of the weekend have been condemned by Muslim leaders in all states and territories.

Many Muslims in Australia feel that they have been unfairly marginalised ever since 9/11.

As Australians, we must live together and accept one another.

We have worked hard to achieve what we have here today.

Australia is the envy of the world.

We must protect it.

I thank the House.