

Questions asked of major political players in upcoming elections relating to the Muslim community of Australia.

1. The tone and attitude within a country is often set by its leadership. There is a lack of a clear, unequivocal statement of support from all the party leaderships towards its ordinary law-abiding Muslim citizens. What can/will you do to influence your party leadership in this regard?
2. What is your stand on the removal/amendment of 18c of the Anti-Discrimination Legislation?
3. There is an increasingly organized campaign around the country against the building of Mosques. What will you do about ensuring that the relevant authorities dealing with the approval are not influenced by political and ideological rhetoric, and that the Muslim community is given a fair go to practice their beliefs as is afforded other religious groups?
4. How do you plan to support the community against the relentless barrage of racial and religious vilification of Muslims by some politicians, the traditional media, social media and right-wing, anti-Islam groups?
5. How will you address the discrimination against Muslim women in hijabs and burkas?
6. How will you encourage and facilitate greater engagement and participation of the Muslim community in the political process and society in general?
7. The current government strategy of countering extreme violence has made ordinary law-abiding Muslim citizens the target of suspicion, abuse and discrimination. What could you do to mitigate the intensity of this spotlight?
8. Muslims are experiencing an increasingly higher level of discrimination in employment based on their names, religion and/or ethnicity. How could you help mitigate this problem?
9. How will you work with the Muslim community to counteract negative attitudes and perceptions and misrepresentations and misconceptions concerning their community?
10. The achievements and contributions of Muslim society in Australia should be more widely recognized and become part of the mainstream. How can you help the community achieve this?