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MEDIA STATEMENT

Queensland Mosques suspend congregational prayers until further notice

In response to the advice issued by the Australian Government and health organisations around the world about limiting indoor gatherings and exercising social distancing, the majority of Mosques in Queensland have taken the unprecedented decision to suspend congregational Friday prayers and advised their respective congregations to pray at home.

ICQ President Mr. Habib Jamal said, *“This decision was made jointly with the Council of Imams Queensland (CIQ) and the Islamic Medical Association Queensland (IMAQ) to ensure its compliance with religious and medical advice. This decision weighed heavily on all those involved in the decision-making process. It was never an easy decision to deliver to our community.”*

This decision is also consistent with advice issued by the Australian Fatwa Council and Australian National Imams Council (ANIC).

The Islamic Council of Queensland has been leading the effort in doing its part to control the spread of the virus. ICQ, CIQ and IMAQ will continue to monitor the situation as the fasting month of Ramadan approaches, and will update the community with further guidelines concerning congregational prayers and other religious rituals.



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