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The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) and the Muslim religious leaders it represents categorically denounce any form of terrorist activity on Australian soil. We along with the rest of Australia are equally astonished by the arrests of “alleged terrorists” in Victoria yesterday.

ANIC and the Muslim community will be fully supporting the police investigations into these allegations as we are strongly against violence and vehemently discourage it.

The Muslim community is a law abiding active member of the Australian society as reflected in Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Mr. Simon Overland’s comments that “Not all Muslims are terrorists and the vast majority of Australian Muslims do not support terrorism”.

We urge individuals and organisations not to use this situation to inflame or create tensions where none exist. We appeal to media outlets to exercise diligence in their reporting and to respect the privacy of the families of those who are under investigation. The Australian legal system is built on a presumption of innocence, which we are confident, will be upheld throughout this legal process.

This is a very serious matter with very serious allegations, and as this matter is under police investigation and before the courts, we are not in a position at this point in time to issue any further comment.

Thank you.

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