

As a testament to the breadth of public concern over the government's treatment of Dr Mohamad Haneef, academics, legal experts, medical professionals, civil libertarians, union representatives, representatives of community organisations - including Amnesty International, Queensland Council of Civil Liberties, and the Association of Australian Doctors Trained Overseas - Griffith University, religious leaders and faith groups, and members of the general public have come together to hold a forum on this issue.

Those gathered for the forum agreed that, despite the fact that Dr Haneef is well-respected amongst his community and particularly his colleagues and his patients, his treatment by the authorities in the court process has been degrading and undignified.

The delegates noted with utmost concern the perceived attempt by the government to interfere in the judicial process and undermine the presumption of innocence and hence the possibility of Dr Haneef to get a fair go.

The organisations and individuals who attended this forum feel confident that it has positively contributed to the public debate on this critical issue. This forum also demonstrates that a large and

diverse cross section of the Australian public is strongly committed to preserving democratic and legal processes and principles, as well as human rights, for all people in Australia, not only Muslims but members of all religious and ethnic communities.

In view of the perceived seriousness of the issue at hand for the future of Australia, the forum participants call on all political parties to independently review the anti-terrorism laws and the Migration Act, and to ensure they are consistent with our cherished Australian values.

To demonstrate our solidarity with Dr Haneef and our determination to see justice done in his case, the groups who attended today's forum have planned a show of support on August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9am, at the Federal Court, Quay Street, Brisbane, when the hearing about the cancellation of Dr Haneef's visa will take place. Anyone who has a concern about this issue is encouraged to participate, and efforts will be made to mobilise similar gatherings in other parts of Australia on the same date.