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## **Media Release**

The Australian National Imam Council of New South Wales regrets the recent events that have been reported in the national media about the whipping of a fellow Australian citizen. Moreover, the council condemns the involvement of some ignorant and irresponsible Muslim youth in this violent action under the guise of upholding the Islamic Sharia Law.

The council would like to clarify that the actions of these deceived and illeducated youth does not represent Islam. Such actions are neither condoned nor tolerated by the Muslim Community in Australia.

These irresponsible actions indicate the misunderstanding of these individuals of their religion – Islam. Furthermore, it demonstrates their ignorance of its most basic principles.

The council would like to advise that it is necessary to abide by the Australian laws at all times. Equally, it discourages the Media from exploiting the incident as an excuse to undermine and distort the image of the wider Muslim Community.

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