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## MEMBER SOCIETIES

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**46 Years of Community  
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20 October 2010

## Feeling Naked

The President of Muslims Australia, Mr Ikebal Adam Patel expressed dismay at the harsh treatment of a 6 year Muslim student from Darwin who is banned from travelling on the school bus because she defended her right to wear the hijab.

After repeated bullying from this particular boy, she felt the best and non violent form of resistance was to expose to the culprit what she would feel if she was to in fact fall for his bullying demands. If the boy felt humiliated in front of his peers and friends by being made "naked" by his pants being pulled down, then this is exactly how the young Muslim hijab wearing student, Iran Ghavami would have felt if in fact she did take her hijab off due to his persistent bullying.

Whilst not condoning the action of the female student as a means of solving incidents of bullying, Mr Patel observed that such behaviour towards female members of the Australian Muslim community and especially school students is becoming prevalent and in frustration some times, people take things in their own hands. Muslims Australia urges all parents and individuals to utilise the channels in place to handle these types of behaviour through the appropriate law enforcement agencies and other avenues available in all Australian schools.

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