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Muslims Support National Day of Mourning

The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils had applauded the Australian Governments announcement to hold the National Day of Mourning on 22 February 2009 for one of the worst natural disasters in the history of Australia.

The AFIC President Mr Ikebal Adam Patel invites and encourages all Australian Muslims to join other faith communities and the general Australian community to offer prayers for the survivors and for those who tragically lost their lives.

He added that "We all need to pray for rain to ease the hard ship faced by the Emergency Services Personnel and the Volunteers from all over Australia and Overseas who had shown courage in the face of such an overwhelming force of nature.

He further added that the National Day of Mourning will give us all the opportunity to show our support for bushfire-affected communities as we begin the process of rebuilding.

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