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# Anti-Islam push fuels ethnic fear

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ETHNIC leaders have called for a meeting with the police and State Government to confront the anti-Islam sentiment being pushed by far-right groups in WA.

Anti-Islamic flyers headlined "It's time to say no" have been distributed in Perth by the Q Society of Australia Inc, which claims to "uphold Australian values".

The group plans to bring far-right Dutch politician Geert Wilders to Perth next year to help launch a new political party, the Australian Liberty Alliance.

Mr Wilders was forced to cancel a talk in Perth last year because no venue was willing to give him a stage.

Citizenship and Multicultural Interests Minister Mike Nahan last night said Mr Wilders was "not welcome in WA".

*The Sunday Times* can also reveal a snake catcher from WA has taken over as leader of the Australian Defence League. The group says it wants Islam banned in Australia.

Graeme Evans, 26, was last week elected ADL national president.

The Ethnic Communities Council of WA has called for a meeting next month to discuss the emergence of far-right groups.