

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful



THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## PRESS RELEASE

Attention: News editors. Social affair, Ethnic media, interfaith media, and community writers

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### ICWA rejects flying of national or ethnic flags in WA Mosques

Islamic Council of WA as peak body for Muslim community in Western Australia rejects *The West Australian* newspaper front page news of 12 December and its editorial comment on 13 December 2015 suggesting that WA mosques should fly the national flag.

Allah's (SWT) Messenger Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) eradicated the problem of national, racial or colour discrimination so successfully that superiority is not by birth or colour or blood, but by God-fearing and righteousness.

The message of Islam is for the entire human race. According to Islam, Allah (SWT) is the God of the entire world and the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is a Messenger for the whole of humanity. Islam unites the entire human race under one flag without any kind of discrimination.

Allah (SWT) says in Surat Al-Hujurat, "*O Mankind! We have created you from a male and female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable of you in the sight of Allah is he who has most Taqwa among of you. Verily, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware.*" Noble Qur'an (49:13)

In surah Al-Room Allah (SWT) says, "*And one of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your tongues and colours; most surely there are signs in this for the learned.*" Noble Qur'an (30:22)

Flying national or ethnic flags in mosques is **NOT** part of Islamic tradition, history or practice of followers of the holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Muslim Australians are loyal citizens- majority born in Australia and they simply do not care about the print media's islamophobic bleats.

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