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THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PRESS RELEASE

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

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CENSORSHIP OF GRAND MUFTI UNDERMINES FREE SPEECH

Islamic Council of Western Australia expresses its utter dismay at the manner in which media interests and rightwing federal politicians unfairly attacked and created a vitriol of hate campaign against the Office of the Mufti of Australia.

The Grand Mufti Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohammed's media statement of 15 November 2015 on behalf of Australian National Imams Council rightly condemned the Paris terror attacks and mourned the loss of innocent lives.

The Grand Mufti's submitted that all causative factors which drive and create international terrorism in all its forms be critically examined. This is nothing but a principled position of the learned man that requires serious attention by public policy makers.

It is grossly unjust to have a leading Muslim religious leader's voice be asked to be censored or marginalised. The Australian general public have a right to be fully informed and afforded the freedom to think and debate for themselves about current global affairs. Censorship of dissenting voices is not the right way for a supposed liberal democracy.

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