

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful



THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PRESS RELEASE

Attention: News editors, social affairs, Ethnic media, interfaith media, and community writers

Monday, 14 July 2014

Local Muslim Preacher attack on Jews and Christians

Published June 28th 2014 by Grant Taylor.

While individuals are entitled to their religious and political views as a private Australian citizen, Islamic Council of West Australia (ICWA) expresses its disappointment of the careless and inflammatory statement made by Mr Thorne about Jews and Christians on the West Australian news paper dated 28th June.

Islam considers Jews and Christians as "People of the Book" because they share the Abrahamic religious traditions with Muslims. Muslim West Australians do in fact have a harmonious relationship with other West Australians irrespective of their race, colour or creed.

ICWA fervently request fellow West Australians not to be influenced by the West Australian's campaign to divide the community. We wish to assure all our fellow citizens and particularly those of the Christian or Hebrew faith that Islam teaches us to live in love, peace and harmony with our neighbours.

Islamic Council of Western Australia urges the West Australian newspaper to stop its Islamophobic, provocative and unbalanced reports.

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Islamic Council of Western Australia Inc.

The Islamic Council of Western Australia (ICWA) was established in 1976 and incorporated as a State Council for Islamic affairs in 1977. We promote unity and friendship amongst Muslims and other communities within and outside of Western Australia.
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