

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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### **ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA CONDEMNS ANTI MUSLIM ATTACKS**

Early this morning Muslim Australians were shocked to hear about a horrific anti-Muslim criminal act on a mosque during the holy month of Ramadan.

A vehicle was set on fire by what is believed to be a “Petrol Pump” with an anti-Islamic slogans sprayed on the mosque wall. The incident occurred last night outside the Thornlie Mosque near the Australian Islamic College while hundreds of people were inside worshipping. Thankfully no one was injured but it could have been worse.

Undoubtedly, this criminal act represents a steep change in anti-Muslim hate-filled attacks fuelled by an alarmingly increasing number of intolerant far-right Islamophobic groups that have sprung up in Australia.

While the Australian government has called for Islamic leaders to do more to combat racial and religious hate speech, yet when these are directed at Muslims they remain silent! Islamic Council of WA calls upon the state and federal government to vigorously condemn this act.

Islamic Council of Western Australia urges all in the Muslim community to remain calm and NOT be provoked by bigots and racist Bogans that want to drive a wedge between Australians of diverse cultures and religions. This matter is now subject to a Police investigation and we ask the WA community to support their efforts to identify those responsible and bring them to justice.

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