

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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“Reclaim Australia” group must be condemned by all West Australians

Islamic Council of Western Australia and leaders of the Muslim community condemn the vile actions of anti-Islam protest rallies organised by Reclaim Australia group last Saturday.

Reclaim Australia is one of many intolerant far-right Islamophobic groups that have sprung up in Australia and this is not surprising at all to Australian Muslims. It is a damn shame that this puny group of Islam haters refuse to have meaningful dialogue and are only bent on provocation.

While Mr Abbott has called for Islamic leaders to do more to combat racial and religious hate speech, yet when these are directed at Muslims he remained silent! We have once again seen the current federal government’s double standards when it comes to the Muslim community and its rights.

Islamic Council of Western Australia urges all Australians irrespective of race or religion to stand up for Multiculturalism, harmony and freedom of religion. The counter rally by National Socialist Alliance and civil rights groups was courageous and admirable. We have also seen Catholic Archbishop of Perth Timothy Costello expressing his deep distress by the violence and intolerance at the Reclaim Australia rallies. This only illustrates that ‘Reclaim Australia’ is not representative of mainstream Australian community and their provocations has to be condemned by all good people.

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