



Australian Federation
of Islamic Councils

AFIC welcomes the life sentence of the terrorist Tarant who killed in cold blood 51 innocent Muslim worshippers inside two Christchurch mosques

Media Statement

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“Whilst AFIC welcomes the life without possibility of parole sentence handed to Brenton Tarant, we know that nothing can bring our martyrs back to their families and loved ones.” Said Dr. Rateb Jneid, president, AFIC.

“Tarant was not born a sick and twisted terrorist, he was moulded, his views were created and instilled into him by an intolerant world of dog-whistling, selective hate-commentary and misinformation.” Said Keysar Trad, CEO, AFIC.

“It is very disappointing to see that some news agencies continue to fear calling him a terrorist in spite of his own admission to his horrific crime of terrorism. This selective bias perpetuates the hatred that breeds terrorism.” Said Dr. Jneid.

“We must always remember the crimes of Tarant as a failure of modern society in protecting its minorities. Lest we forget, an ordinary Australian became so sick and twisted that he trained, he stalked, he acquired weapons and then murdered in cold blood to become one of Australia’s worst terrorists.” Said Mr. Trad.

“We call on authorities in Australia to create proper enforceable protections for minorities, especially for Muslims who have been amongst the greatest victims of political dog-whistling and media opportunism.” Said Dr. Jneid.

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