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AFIC supports Senator Keneally's call to include far-right extremist individuals and groups on terror list

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"I welcome Senator Keneally's courageous call for a national discussion regarding the content of Australia's proscribed terror list. It is time that Australia accepted that terrorism is not a culture but a vile act that must be penalised equally no matter the nationality of the culprit." Said Dr. Rateb Jneid, President of AFIC.

It is disappointing to note that Australia remains the only member of the Five Eyes intelligence partnership that refuses to include far right extremist individuals or groups on their terror list despite numerous reports of far-right extremism in the country.

The definition of a Terrorist is a person or persons who unlawful use violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims. This is to apply to all persons equally without discrimination. All terrorists need to be added to the terror list.

"AFIC stands with Senator Keneally and calls on the Morrison Government to have the criteria for the Australian terror list reviewed to ensure that it fulfills its purpose. It is time to accept that terrorism is not associated with a single faith or ideology. Include them now before, God-forbid, they hurt more innocent Australians." Said Dr. Jneid

"Current counter-terrorism measures have led to injustice against a section of Australian society. It is time to even the playing field and apply all measures relating to terrorism to all who fit the description regardless of their colour, culture, faith or background." Said Dr. Jneid.

"The treatment of terrorism, extremism and radicalisation must be reviewed and properly re-evaluated. What we have at present is nothing short of politicised displays that sweep individuals of only one category under the maximum security incarceration carpet without sufficient regard to Australian values of equality and rehabilitation." Said Dr. Jneid.

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