



Australian Federation
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Authorities must do more to protect all places of worship in Australia

Media Statement

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On Sunday, a man vandalised the grand Auburn Gallipoli Mosque causing tens of thousands of dollars in damage.

It was the bravery of one female worshipper who stopped this man from fleeing the scene until authorities arrived, AFIC commends her for her courage and calls on members of the community to be vigilant.

Hate crimes against mosques, as with other places of worship, must be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The Auburn Gallipoli mosque is a magnificent Australian monument that has served to promote awareness, understanding and good citizenship, it has become a showpiece for tourists and locals alike, it is truly magnificent on the inside and outside and is a credit to Australia.

We call on the authorities to be more vigilant in light of overseas provocations and help keep our places of worship safe.

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