



Australian Federation
of Islamic Councils

AFIC denies any affiliation with AAM

Media Statement

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Today, many Muslim leaders have received an electronic invitation to join "Alliance of Australian Muslims" (AAM). Upon enquiry, some people affiliated with the AAM have wrongly claimed that AFIC was with them. This claim is false.

AFIC president Dr Rateb Jneid did attend Muslim community "summit" meetings that included Muslim leaders from differing organisations. However, Dr Jneid did not at any point approve the formation of AAM. It is disingenuous of any organisation to claim that curious attendees at a summit or electronic meeting have become members or affiliates purely through attending a meeting.

It came as a shock to AFIC that AAM which is registered as a limited company with 5 directors including ANIC president Shaykh Shady Elsouleiman is aggressively recruiting Muslim community organisations and claiming that AFIC is with them.

"I say categorically and unequivocally that AFIC is NOT a member with AAM, AFIC has not and will not join AAM. AFIC, the peak national body of Australian Muslims since 1964, is concerned about the claims made by AAM and cautions all members of the community against joining any group without doing their due diligence" said Dr Rateb Jneid, president of AFIC.

Groups and organisations pop up from time to time with all sorts of claims. Please make sure that any decision you make is well-informed as many of our children have fallen victim to people acting wrongly in the name of Islam.

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