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## PUBLIC STATEMENT

### EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE JUDICIAL PROCESS AND PARTICIPATION OF MUSLIMS

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) has been working closely with the Judicial Commission of New South Wales in establishing a better understanding of the Australian Muslim Community and the Islamic faith.

As part of this dialogue ANIC has prepared an explanatory note on matters which may be raised in connection with Muslims participating in court processes. The document entitled “Explanatory Note on the Judicial Process and Participation of Muslims” is intended to:

- a) give practical guidance and explanation to members of the Australian Muslim community of the etiquette and behaviours expected of persons engaging in the judicial processes so that they may act consistently with these without compromising their religious beliefs; and,
- b) provide information to judicial officers on Islamic concepts and practices as they relate to matters which may be raised in connection with Muslims participating in the court processes.

The explanatory note is an initiative of the ANIC and has been prepared and endorsed by the majority ANIC member Imams, including the Grand Mufti of Australia Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohammad.

The ANIC hopes that this document will help both the Muslim community and the wider Australian community in having a better understanding of court processes and the Islamic faith.

The explanatory note can be found on the ANIC website and is a public document that can be used by anyone.

Link to the “Explanatory Note on the Judicial Process and Participation of Muslims” document:  
<http://www.anic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/judicial-processes-and-muslim-participation.pdf>

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