

Media Release

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THERE IS NO PLACE FOR ISLAMOPHOBIA IN VICTORIA

Racism and hate have no place in Victoria.

On this International Day to Combat Islamophobia, and every day, the Allan Labor Government stands with Victoria's Muslim community.

Following recent appalling anti-Muslim incidents, it is more important than ever to stand together to take decisive action against Islamophobia.

It's why Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt has today launched the 'Combatting Islamophobia Resources'.

Developed in partnership with Victoria's Muslim communities, the series of guides outline the unacceptable levels and forms of Islamophobia and will help equip Victorians with the tools to recognise and call out hate.

This includes how to intervene, offer support to victims and when to make a report.

We know there's more to do and we will not rest until every Victorian feels safe to be who they are.

That's why important work is underway to make sure these guides reach every corner of Victoria.

We are also working hand-in-hand with Muslim community leaders and organisations to tackle Islamophobia in Victorian schools.

We'll work with groups like the Islamic Museum of Australia, the Islamic Council of Victoria and the Board of Imams to help bring that understanding into our classrooms.

Labor has also delivered the nation's strongest anti-vilification laws, and we are the first jurisdiction in Australia to deliver an Anti-Racism Strategy.

Victoria's multiculturalism is one of our greatest strengths – and it's everyone's responsibility to protect it.

As many Victorians continue to observe the holy month of Ramadan, we reaffirm our commitment to creating a safer and more secure Victoria for everyone.

To access the resources, including translated versions, visit vic.gov.au/combating-islamophobia-resource-guide.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt

"We will always back Victoria's Muslim communities and stand with them."

"There is no place for hate, division or discrimination of any kind in our state."

"It is the responsibility of all Victorians to play a role in stamping out these distressing and hateful acts."

Quotes attributable to Board of Imams Victoria Executive Director Sheikh Moustapha Sarakibi

"The Board of Imams Victoria welcomes this important step by the Victorian Labor Government, developed in partnership with the Muslim community, to tackle Islamophobia in our state."

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“This guide sends a clear message that anti-Muslim hate has no place in Victoria.”