



# Islamic Society of Toowoomba Inc.

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## An Appeal to help establish the first Mosque in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia

My Dear Muslims:

*Assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu.* Hope you and your family are well with best Islamic and working spirit.

Please see the next page about a property at 217-221 West St (corner of Stephan St) Toowoomba, Australia which is on sale. It is located about 5km from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), less than 1km from Toowoomba hospital and within 2km from the city centre. The total land size of the property is 2765sqm. The **price is AUD\$900,000** (AUD\$1 = USD\$1.03), on top we will need to pay 10% GST and about \$40k stamp duty. The existing church fits our current needs for the first Mosque in Toowoomba. I believe this is a rare opportunity, and we could not afford to miss it.

Toowoomba, the Garden City of Australia, is about 1.5 hour driving distance from Brisbane, capital of Queensland, Australia. The population of the city is around 150,000 of which over 1000 are Muslims. There has been a 20% growth of Muslims in the city in the recent 2012 census. There is **no Mosque in Toowoomba** or Lockyer Valley and Darling Downs regions. The nearest Mosque is in Brisbane. Currently, all Muslims in the city/region worship in a temporary facility provided by the USQ which is old and inadequate to meet the current and future needs. So the Muslims here are in an urgent need for a Mosque of their own. The Islamic Society of Toowoomba Inc, a **Government registered** non-profit Islamic organisation, has decided to purchase the property to meet the growing need of a Mosque in the city, and has initiated a major fundraising at home and abroad.

We need AUD\$200,000 as down payment for the contract and will have to pay the balance before or at the agreed settlement date (normally six months). Alhamdulillah, Muslims in Toowoomba have **committed to donate one month salary** for the Masjid. To make the fundraising drive a success, your active involvement/support/contribution is absolutely essential. Muslims in Toowoomba request you to get the words out to potential donors in the local, national and international level with an appeal to make significant financial contributions (please see the account details below).

I urge you and your family to pray to Allah so that He accepts our efforts and help establish the first Mosque in the city. Your direct contribution and drive to collect funds from other contributors will be highly appreciated. Please don't miss to buy a piece of paradise/jannat with your generous donation. Medium term **interest free loan** will also be helpful.

May Allah Subhanahuwata'la accept your support and reward you unboundedly in both worlds. *Fiamanillah* and JAK.

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### **Bank Account Details for Mosque Project:**

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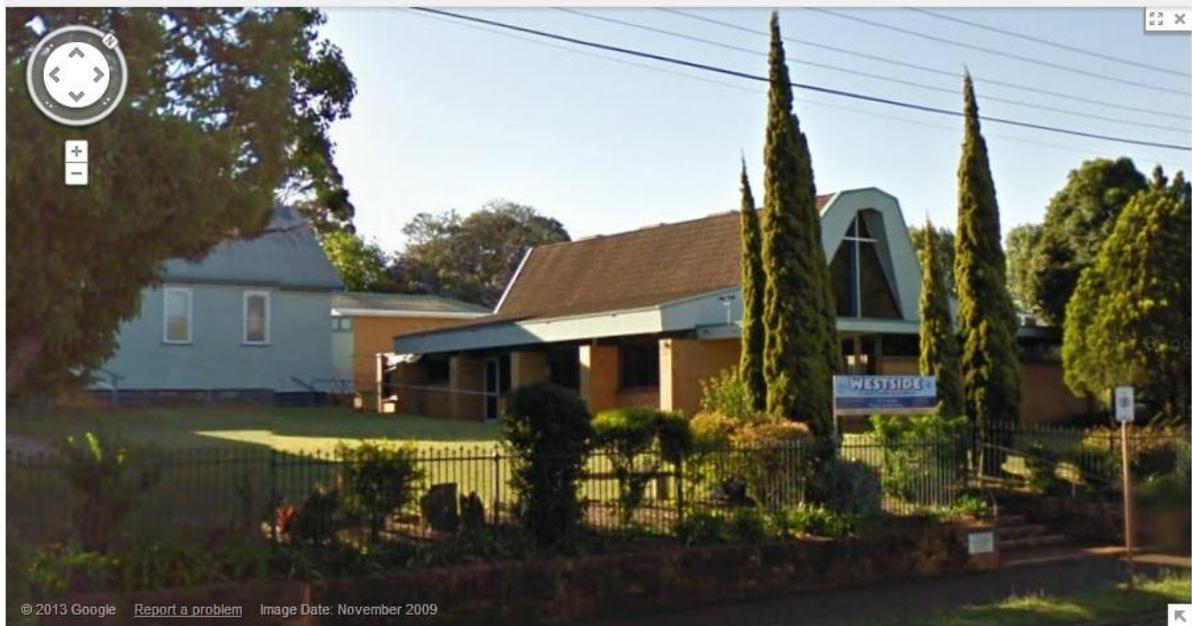
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*In the name of Allah, the most Beneficent, the most Merciful*

## **Purchase of a property for the first Mosque in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia**

The property at 217-221 West St (corner of Stephan St, as **marked red** on the map below), Toowoomba, Australia with two churches (photos below) and another old building is on sale. It is located about 5km from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), less than 1km from Toowoomba hospital and within 2km from the city centre. The total land size of the property is 2765sqm. There are three separate entrances to the property with 800sqm of vacant land for parking. The larger church building fits our current needs for a Mosque in Toowoomba. It is a rare opportunity that must not be missed. The Islamic Society of Toowoomba Inc has decided to purchase the property. The Islamic Society of Toowoomba Inc (IST) was established and incorporated/registered with the Queensland Government in 1994. IST is a member of the Islamic Council of Queensland (ICQ) based in Brisbane, and Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC), the peak body of all Muslims in Australia. To know more about the IST, its activities and the Mosque project, please visit its website.



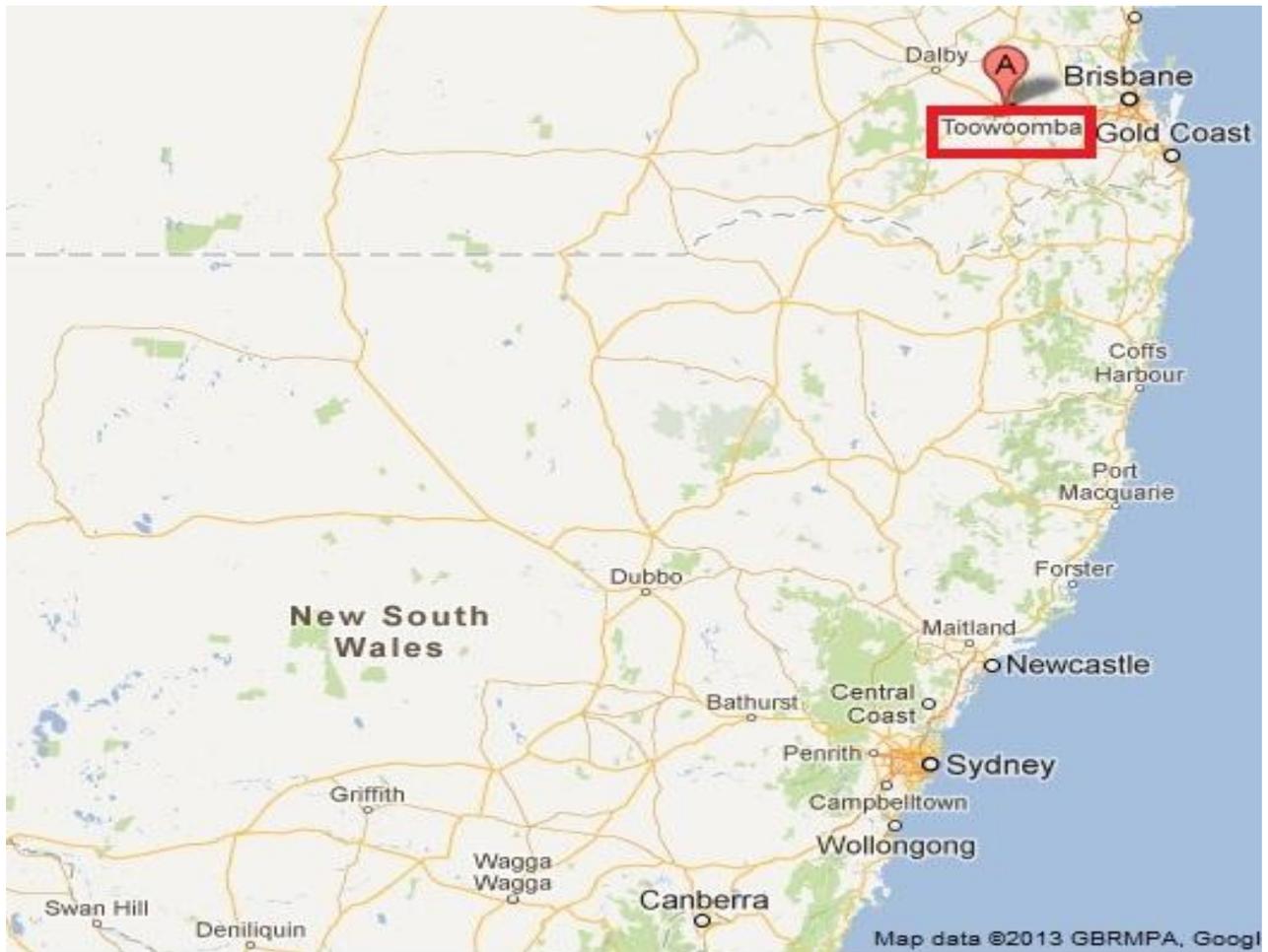
Proposed Mosque Building (facing Kaaba)

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Partial view of the property with three existing structures.



Location of Toowoomba city on the Eastern board of Australia