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NATIONAL SECURITY

The security threats facing our nation are of concern to all Australians, irrespective of faith.

Our best form of defence against this evil is to stand together as a nation. This is not a time for division but a time for co-operation and collaboration. As the Leader Bill Shorten said:

"History shows, time and time again, the ability of people of goodwill, regardless of faith, to band together to defeat evil."

Bill Shorten – National Security Statement- 23 February, 2015

Labor acknowledges the contribution made by the Australian Muslim community in combating radicalisation. In the electorate of Moreton Graham Perrett has seen first-hand for over a decade how the Muslim community has worked with police and other authorities to combat our common evils.

As the former Director General of ASIO, David Irvine said last year:

"the strongest defence against violent extremism lies within the Australian Muslim community itself."

Bill Shorten acknowledged in his speech that the tiny minority of Australians drawn to violent extremism do not represent the Islamic faith, nor Australia's great, generous and diverse Muslim community.

Graham Perrett has said he has spoken with a number of representatives of the Muslim community on Brisbane's Southside and is proud to stand with the community in our fight against terrorism.

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