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## **EID AL FITRI MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF AFIC**

Canberra 30 September 2008.

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to extend to the Muslim Community of Australia the most sincere greetings of *Eid ul Fitr* on behalf of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils. I take the opportunity on behalf of the Muslims of Australia to also extend our good wishes to all Australians.

History of Muslim settlement in this country dates back the early settlement years days and since then Muslims have played a significant role in the development of this country. The early Afghan settlers helped to open up the outback areas and provided the main communication links in the country.

The present generation of Muslims in Australia who have come from many different countries and backgrounds are also playing an equally important role in the development of this great land of ours and to ensure that Islam is portrayed accurately. The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) as the national umbrella organization has been providing the leadership to the community as well as advocating their rights.

On this happy occasion of Eid al Fitr, I extend our very best wishes to everyone and pray for peace and harmony amongst all Australians and for peace and security in all corners of the globe and especially in war torn areas of Africa, Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan.

There are many Eid festivals organised at numerous venues in the major cities as well as in the small regional towns. All of these are open to the public and non Muslims are especially welcome at these functions to share the spirit of Eid ul Fitr with the local community.

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