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Dear Premier

In a climate in which the Muslim community is continuing to find itself under siege from the barrage of accusations and innuendo emanating from many quarters in recent times, it was indeed most heartening and re-assuring to have heard your comments over the recent events surrounding the arrests of two young Brisbane individuals in Logan.

The sincerity and deep understanding you have shown through your remarks will go a long way to maintaining and promoting harmony within our diverse communities. You will have also helped to dismantle the stereotypic view that all Muslims are responsible for these actions and consequently have to take collective responsibility for them.

It was certainly refreshing to hear a senior member of parliament express these views. That it came from you as the Premier has instilled a renewed confidence in the community that you indeed stand true to your word that you will speak up in support of the community in times of need.

We, the undersigned community organizations, representing the majority of the Muslims of Queensland, thank you for the statesman-like stance you have taken in this matter and look forward to building with you on this foundation of a just and fair society that you have laid though your call to Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely

- Aafiya
- Al Kauther Institute
- AlNisa
- Australian International Islamic College
- Australian Muslim Advocates for the Rights of All Humanity (AMARAH)
- Australian Muslim Times
- Bozniak Society of Eight Mile Plains
- Brisbane Islamic Centre
- Crescents Community News (CCN)
- Crescents of Brisbane
- FAMSU OLD
- Griffith Islamic Research Unit
- Islamic Council of Queensland (ICQ)
- Islamic Educational Trust of Queensland
- Islamic Medical Association of QLD
- Islamic Multicultural Association of the Gold Coast
- Islamic Shia Council of Qld
- Islamic Society of Bald Hills (Masjid Taqwa)
- Islamic Society of Central Queensland (ISCQ)
- Islamic Society of Gold Coast (Gold Coast Mosque)
- Islamic Society of Holland Park (Holland Park Mosque)
- Islamic Society of Toowoomba (Garden City Mosque)
- Islamic Women's Association of QLD
- Kuraby Mosque (Masjid Al-Farooq)
- Muslim Aid Australia QLD
- Muslim Business Network
- Muslim Charitable Foundation
- Muslim Funeral Services
- National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies
- Pakistan Australian Cultural Association
- Qld Eidfest Assoc Inc
- Queensland Muslim Welfare Association
- Queensland Muslims
- Queensland Muslims Historical Society
- Slacks Creek Mosque
- Worongary Mosque