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THE GRAND MUFTI AND ANIC SICKENED BY THE MASSACRE IN PESHAWAR

His Eminence The Grand Mufti of Australia, the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) and the Australian Muslim community were sickened by the images of the massacre of school children in Peshawar, Pakistan. On Tuesday at least 132 students and nine teachers were mercilessly killed in a savage act of violence. The sight of children lying lifeless on the ground and mothers running frantically in search of their kids will forever be etched in our minds.

Coming so soon after the tragic end in Sydney's Martin Place, we are reminded that violence is an unfortunate and unnecessary reality punctuating our fragile lives. We strongly believe that the current emphasis on using force to resolve conflict, whether by individuals, groups or states is an act of terror and threatens the lives of the innocent and global stability.

We believe that humanity has the necessary innate nature and nobility to end this vicious cycle of violence. We must at all times prefer peaceful means of negotiation and rely on our nobler selves to solve disputes – values such as justice, dialogue and peace.

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