

13th June 2025 The Shia Muslim Council of Australia www.smca.net.au info@smca.net.au

Subject: We condemn the attacks on Iran by the Zionist regime.

The Shia Muslim Council of Australia strongly condemns the attacks carried out by the Zionist regime on the Islamic Republic of Iran on the 13th of June 2025. These strikes, which have tragically resulted in the loss of civilian lives, occurred during a time when diplomatic negotiations were actively underway to de-escalate tensions and prevent military confrontation.

These attacks have caused profound distress within both the Australian Shia and Iranian-Australian communities, many of whom have family, cultural, and spiritual ties to the affected regions. Members of our community are mourning, anxious for the safety of loved ones, and concerned by the escalation of violence in a region already under immense strain.

It is profoundly disappointing to witness the disruption of diplomatic efforts that held promise for de-escalation and regional stability, through acts of aggression that violate international law and human dignity.

This latest escalation must also be viewed within the broader context of the Zionist regime's ongoing military campaign against the Palestinian people, which has further escalated in the last 20 months. The widespread devastation across Palestine, Lebanon and surrounding regions continues to cause anguish among Australian Muslim communities with deep cultural, familial, and ancestral ties to these lands.

We call on the Australian government and the international community to take immediate and decisive action to halt these violations of international law, protect civilians, and support a just and lasting peace in the region. Silence and inaction in the face of such violations represent a grave failure of our shared humanity and moral responsibility.

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