



ECCWA sends our love and thoughts to our NZ brothers and sisters.

The Ethnic Communities Council of WA today offered its sincere love and thoughts to our NZ brothers and sisters as the decision in the case of the Australian terrorist was handed down. The outcome in the case of the Australian born man was to sentence him to a life in prison with no parole opportunity. This is a sentence without precedent in NZ history. And likewise, the crime was one without precedent in NZ history.

ECCWA President, Suresh Rajan conveyed his thoughts and sent his love to all in the community in NZ and said “We journey with our brothers and sisters across the ditch. Over the last few days so many of the families who were impacted by the actions of this criminal have had to relive the circumstances that befell them when he undertook his murderous activities. For them it would have been a very difficult exercise. We hope that they will have achieved some closure in knowing that the perpetrator of these actions will never see the light of day outside of his prison walls”

“Our families in New Zealand, particularly those of Islamic faith have had to endure the initial actions of this terrorist and now had to hear about the impact again as the Victim Impact Statements were read out in the court of law. This would have caused them some considerable anxiety. Fortunately this path is now ended and the perpetrator has received the maximum possible sentence that he could have had. Now it is time to close and heal from the effects of all of that. We offer our help if they ever require it to assist them in that journey. Post Covid 19 restrictions on visiting we would happily offer our hospitality to encourage the healing process that all of them would need to endure. For now, rest assured that our thoughts and minds are firmly focused on your pain and we wish you all well in getting on with your lives.”

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