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**MINISTER FOR TOURISM; RACING AND GAMING; SMALL BUSINESS;  
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Our ref: 70-14460

Mr Shahajahan Miyan  
President  
Al Falah Muslim Association

Dear Mr Miyan

I am writing to express my deepest sympathy and condolences to you and your community for the tragic terrorist attacks of 15 March 2019 in Christchurch, New Zealand.

I join with my colleagues in the Western Australian State Government to condemn this unthinkable atrocity and to express our condolences and support to the Western Australian Muslim community.

As Western Australians, we all stand together and support each other in times of tragedy and need. Such barbaric events and acts of hatred have no place in our society.

It has been heartening to see the outpouring of love, compassion and support shown to our Muslim brothers and sisters by all communities in Australia, New Zealand and across the world. The emotional and large-scale attendance at the memorial services in Perth Mosques on Saturday, 23 March 2019 is testimony to our unity, love and compassion.

I would like to reassure Western Australian Muslims and those visiting, working or studying here from across the world that you have the full support of the State Government and that community safety and security is our priority number one.

I ask that you pass on the Western Australian Government's sympathy and solidarity to your community and congregation.

My thoughts are with you and our Muslim communities at this terrible time.

Yours sincerely



**HON PAUL PAPALIA CSC MLA  
MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURAL INTERESTS**

**26 MAR 2019**