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### Islamic Egyptian Society of NSW Condemns the Massacre of Peaceful Protestors

The events unfolding before our eyes and the screams of the innocent that follow have resonated beyond the Egyptian borders and across the globe. The current situation is no longer an issue that can be ignored. Silence on the blatant targeting of unarmed civilians is complicit and the facts speak for themselves.

Live ammunition has been used by the Military and has resulted in hundreds of people killed during the interim government's crackdown on protest camps, with thousands more injured. This is part of what has been considered a "cleansing" process, and followed Egypt's Military announcement that it will impose a new overnight curfew, and will no longer have its roadmap open for public referendum. They have prevented ambulances from receiving the injured, and have denied certain burials for the deceased.

Evidence of this brutality can also be measured by the international community's response to the massacre. Amnesty International condemned the violence by the Military calling it "disproportionate force... including intentional lethal force" against civilians. The UK has ceased all export of weapons trade to the Egyptian Military because of its strict policies against their artillery being used for internal use. The U.S. has condemned Egypt's interim government and security forces in what they called the "pursuit of martial law". Bob Carr and the Australian Government have also voiced their opinion calling it "an awful tragedy for the people of Egypt".

The Islamic Egyptian Society of NSW condemns the recent massacre by the Military interim government and demands the following:

- Removal of the Interim Government for abdicating its responsibility for safeguarding the people of Egypt.
- Immediate retirement of the Military back to its barracks, and the removal of General Al-Sisi for his blatant disregard of civilian casualty.
- A recommendation to charge those responsible of crimes against humanity in the International Criminal Court of Justice, Hague.
- Reinstating democracy and holding immediate elections for a civil government in order to remove any doubt as to which political opinion has the majority. The ballot box is the only source of truth with regards to political consensus.
- Immediate cessation of all violence from all parties across Egypt, and a restoration of peace in the streets.
- Protection of minority groups such as Egyptian-Coptics and their places of worship.
- The right to protest peacefully, respecting free speech and open opinion.

We pray to God to grant safety and security to all of Egypt's people and to guide us away from error and falsehood.

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