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It is with deep regret that we, the Islamic Egyptian Society, as part of the Australian community have had to witness an unprecedented atrocity in the heart of our iconic city. Although we are thankful that the painful ordeal is finally over we are deeply saddened by the tragedy of the two hostages who sacrificed their lives for the safety of others; and for that we honour their bravery.

The Islamic Egyptian Society will be more than happy to lend a hand to the Australian community to assist and support in whatever way possible to help prevent these situations from occurring. As a long term goal, we will work to cooperate in preventing heinous criminal acts from persisting in our beloved city.

This criminal act has been condemned throughout the Muslim community in Australia, and these actions are completely against the principles of Islam. Inflicting violence of *any form* on the innocent is prohibited in Islam, and this act stands against the teachings of peace and harmony as were the examples given to mankind by the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.).

The perpetrator of this crime was an individual who represented no organisation in Australia, and strayed completely away from the path of Islam. He not only hijacked a café in the heart of the Sydney CBD, but hijacked the religion of Islam for his own personal gain.

The Islamic Egyptian Society would like to extend our grievances and our support to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives, and to let them know that they are in our prayers.

Kindest Regards,
The Islamic Egyptian Society of NSW