THE IMPACT OF THE SECOND

ISLAMOPHOBIA IN AUSTRALIA REPORT

(2016-2017)

Islamophobia in Australia - II (2016-2017)

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Collaboration of the **Islamophobia Register Australia** (IRA) with the Centre for Islamic Studies and Civilisation of **Charles Sturt University** (CSU) and **Islamic Science and Research Academy** (ISRA) transferred the verified incidents into an important dataset, which gave birth to the second Islamophobia in Australia report.

This report offers a multi-faceted analysis of verified incidents reported to the Islamophobia Register Australia by victims, proxies and witnesses in the two-year period of **2016 - 2017**. It is a continuation of the first Islamophobia in Australia Report published in 2017, which was widely cited and formed a consensus that Islamophobia is an uncontested phenomenon in Australia.

Of the 551 incidents reported to the Islamophobia Register Australia (IRA) for the two-year period, **349 incidents** were verified and included in the report.

The report is authored by **Dr. Derya Iner**, who is the Principal Researcher and Editor of the Islamophobia in Australia Report.

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This report, in conjunction with the first report released in 2017, conclusively shows that Islamophobia in Australia exists and operates in particular ways in the Australian context.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REPORT:

- 72% of victims were women in both the online and offline cases while **perpetrators** were largely **men** at **73%**
- 60% of Islamophobia incidents reported occurred in guarded or patrolled areas
- Vulnerable people, were easy targets for perpetrators. Of the 113 female victims, **96%** were wearing a **headscarf** (hijab), **57%** were **unaccompanied** (in contrast to 6% unaccompanied males) and 11% were with their children at the time of the incident.
- When compared to the previous report, offline cases that were reported to the Police increased from 16% to 22%. Police only attended half the time.

This report hopes to raise public awareness about the real and disturbing face of Islamophobia in Australia, while calling on policy makers and researchers to use the report findings for their respective areas.

