

REVIEW OF THE LISTING OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS AS A STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM

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AUSIRAN welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security regarding the review of the listing of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a state sponsor of terrorism under the *Criminal Code*¹.

AUSIRAN strongly supports the continuation of this listing. The designation reflects the well-documented institutional role of the IRGC as a central pillar of Iran's regime security apparatus, operating beyond conventional military functions and directly implicated in transnational violence, terrorism financing, and coercive operations that extend into diaspora contexts, including Australia.

The IRGC is not a peripheral or rogue entity within the Iranian state. It is a constitutionally embedded organisation with direct control over armed units, intelligence operations, proxy militias, and extensive economic networks. International human rights organisations, investigative journalists, and United Nations mandate holders have repeatedly documented the IRGC's involvement in extrajudicial killings, violent suppression of civilian protest, and the orchestration and support of armed non-state actors designated as terrorist organisations in multiple jurisdictions. These activities meet the threshold of (in)direct engagement in, assistance with, and advocacy of terrorist acts, including acts with transnational reach and implications for Australian interests and residents.

From an Australian perspective, the listing serves a clear protective function. Members of the Iranian-Australian community have been subjected to intimidation, surveillance, harassment, and threats linked to the Iranian state and its security arms. The IRGC's global intelligence and enforcement networks play a central role in these practices. Maintaining the listing strengthens the legal capacity of Australian institutions to disrupt financing, deter intimidation, and affirm that state-sponsored terror and transnational repression will not be tolerated within Australia's democratic and legal order.

The listing also aligns with Australia's international obligations and strategic partnerships. Comparable designations by allied jurisdictions recognise the IRGC as an organisation that systematically blurs the line between state authority and terrorist practice. Removing or weakening the listing would risk undermining policy coherence, diluting deterrence, and sending a signal of ambiguity at a time when clarity is required.

In conclusion, AUSIRAN submits that the legislative criteria for listing continue to be met and that the public interest strongly favours retention. The IRGC's structure, conduct, and record constitute an ongoing threat to human security, regional stability, and the safety of diaspora communities. We therefore urge the Committee to recommend that the listing of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a state sponsor of terrorism under the *Criminal Code* be maintained.

AUSIRAN thanks the Committee for the opportunity to contribute to this review and remains available to provide further information if required.

¹ <https://www.legislation.gov.au/C2004A04868/latest/text>