

Submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of the Listing of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)

I write in strong support of the continued listing of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a **state sponsor of terrorism** under the **Criminal Code**, and submit that the Committee should affirm this listing as necessary for Australia's national security, social cohesion, and the protection of targeted communities.

The IRGC is a hybrid military-security organisation with a longstanding record of internal repression and hostile overseas activities, and its listing under Australia's legislative framework appropriately activates serious criminal offences for directing, financing, recruiting for, or otherwise supporting a state sponsor of terrorism.

For Iranian Australians—including professionals contributing to sensitive sectors—this decision also carries a direct human impact: credible community fears of intimidation, surveillance, and transnational repression are not theoretical, and the stress of potential retaliation against relatives overseas has measurable psychological consequences.

In that context, maintaining the IRGC listing—alongside targeted sanctions and robust enforcement—signals that Australia will not provide safe haven to those linked to state terror, foreign interference, or extremist financing, and that Parliament will act decisively to uphold public safety and the integrity of our multicultural democracy.

Support for this submission is reflected across the breadth of evidence already provided to the Australian Parliament, including the written submissions and public hearing testimony lodged with the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee inquiry (*Human rights implications of recent violence in Iran*), and the Committee's final report and recommendations arising from that process.

In recent years, Australians have also seen the domestic security implications of the Islamic Republic's hostile activities. Australian Government statements have indicated that Iran is assessed as likely having directed and orchestrated at least two antisemitic attacks in Australia, with ASIO assessing further attacks were likely directed by Iran. Community concern has also been expressed through formal parliamentary processes, including **e-petition EN4559**, which attracted **more than 50,000 signatures** calling on Parliament to take stronger action.

Since early January 2026, the world has witnessed a renewed escalation of mass violence and lethal repression inside Iran. Credible international reporting and human rights organisations describe large-scale killings of civilians during nationwide unrest, alongside widespread arbitrary arrests, torture allegations, and severe information blackouts limiting independent verification and humanitarian response. This level of brutality is consistent with

the IRGC's role as a coercive apparatus of state control, and further reinforces why Australia must maintain firm legal measures to prevent support, financing, facilitation, or ideological enabling of state-sponsored terror.

We need to keep Australia safe—for **all Australians**. Maintaining the IRGC listing is a necessary and proportionate measure that will significantly contribute to that objective and protect the integrity of our democracy and national security.

Sincerely yours,

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