

## HINDU COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA



## **Condemning Hate Crimes and Promoting Community Harmony**

We strongly condemn the recent burning of a Sikh holy icon, Gutka, in Perth, a heinous crime that has disturbed the peace and harmony of our community. We commend the WA state police for their efficient investigation and prompt arrest of the culprit.

Such incidents are hate crimes that have no place in our society. Those who spread hate must be punished to the maximum extent of the law. We urge authorities to investigate the source of the ideology that led to this hate crime and identify groups or institutions that foster and encourage hate against other faiths.

## Key Demands:

- Monitor and Hold Accountable: Groups promoting hate should be closely monitored, and their state and federal funding cut
- Prevent Foreign Funding: These groups should be banned from receiving overseas funding.
- Enhance Immigration Process: Improve immigration processes to identify individuals harboring hate for other faiths and reject their entry to Australia.
- Deportation of Non-Citizens: Non-citizens committing hate crimes should be deported back to their country of origin.

This approach is a more effective way to reduce immigration numbers than arbitrary limits on students<sup>1</sup>. By prioritizing community harmony and addressing hate crimes, we can build a safer and more inclusive society.

We stand in solidarity with the Sikh community and all those affected by hate crimes. Together, we can promote tolerance, understanding, and peace.

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