

# New Zealand Muslim Association Inc.

(Founding member of The Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand)



## بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

### Celebration of Eid ul Adha on Thursday 29th June 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Islam

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

(Assalamo Alaikum Wa-Rahmatullahi Wa-Barkatuh)

**I would like to confirm NZMA will celebrate Eid ul Adha on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in all its mosques & centres in accordance with the decision of the FIANZ Hilal Committee.**

NZMA would like to clarify the rationale behind Eid being celebrated on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

FIANZ Hilal Committee sent a memo on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to the community asking them to sight the new moon on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 29<sup>th</sup> Dhul Qadah. This is their normal practice and it happens every month of the year.

FIANZ Hilal Committee announced on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June that Eid ul Adha will be celebrated in NZ on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Their decision was based on:

1. The new moon was born on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 4.37pm. By the time we were supposed to sight the moon at sunset on 19<sup>th</sup> June, the new moon would be over 24 hours old and it was over 30 minutes in the horizon.
2. Unfortunately the moon was not sighted in NZ and neither in Fiji, due to bad weather conditions.
3. The situation on 19<sup>th</sup> June that the moon was over 24 hours old and not sighted was unique and challenging for the Hilal Committee because if we complete 30 days for Dhul Qadah then we will be 2 days behind the actual day of Arafat in Mecca.
4. A similar situation happened in 2006 and in 2007 and the Ulema Council and the Hilal Committee, at that time, in their wisdom made a ruling to end the month of Dhul Qadah on the 29th day. This situation also occurred in September 2012 and August 2014, where this principle was again applied.
5. When sighting the new moon there are three 3 principles that the Hilal Committee take into account: religious/shariah (which remains paramount), technical/scientific information and community.
6. The moon was sighted on 19<sup>th</sup> June in Sydney and Brisbane and these cities are within the South Pacific region. This does not mean that we are following Australia, but the dispensation within the Fiqh laws allows for this adoption under challenging circumstances.
7. No country in the world is celebrating Eid ul Adha on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. All around the world Eid ul Adha is being celebrated on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June or Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June.

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The Ulema Board and the Hilal Committee have assured us that the decision they made is Shariah compliant and according to the Islamic jurisprudence and Fiqh rulings. This decision was also unanimously endorsed by over 50 other Aleems & Ulemas around New Zealand.

We respect the decision of the Hilal Committee and believe it was made in good faith and in the best interest of the Muslim community at large. It satisfies the three principles outlined above covering shariah, science and community. We are united in our stance and stand with FIANZ, the Ulema Board & the Hilal Committee and Inshallah celebrate Eid on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

We pray Allah Subhana Wata Ala guides us to unite and overcome the current challenges.

We wish you and your family a blessed Eid. Eid Mubarak to you all.

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