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CONDEMNING RACISM IN HEALTHCARE, GOVERNMENT COMPLICITY, AND THE FAILURE OF MULTICULTURAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATIONS

Sydney, Australia – Feb 13, 2025 – **Allies in Colour**, the national independent peak body for Multicultural Australians, Expats, and New Citizens, dedicated to racial justice and equity, unequivocally condemns the racist actions and violent rhetoric of the two NSW healthcare workers recently exposed in a viral video. Their behavior is not only reprehensible but also a betrayal of the trust placed in healthcare professionals to care for all individuals, regardless of their background. Racism and violence has no place in our society, least of all in institutions meant to uphold dignity, respect, and compassion.

Racism and violence is being exacerbated by the Australian government's failure to address systemic injustices, both domestically and internationally

This incident is a stark reminder of the systemic racism that continues to plague our institutions. It highlights the urgent need for comprehensive anti-racism training, robust accountability mechanisms, and a genuine commitment to fostering inclusive environments across all sectors, including healthcare. However, this incident cannot be viewed in isolation. It is a symptom of a broader climate of racism and violence that is being exacerbated by the Australian government's failure to address systemic injustices, both domestically and internationally.

The Australian government's refusal to label Israel as an apartheid state and to call out its genocidal actions against the Palestinian people is not only a moral failure but also a contributing factor to the normalization of racism and violence. By refusing to use accurate and legally recognized terminology—such as "apartheid" and "genocide"—the Australian government is complicit in erasing the suffering of Palestinians and legitimizing the systemic oppression they endure.

Complicity of Australian Multicultural Peak Bodies and Human Rights Organisations in perpetuating racism

Equally concerning is the complicity of multicultural peak bodies and human rights organisations that toe the line with the government's narrative, failing to represent the communities they are supposed to serve. These organisations, which should be at the forefront of advocating for justice and equity, are instead contributing to the erosion of trust between marginalised communities and the government. This betrayal undermines their credibility and leaves communities feeling abandoned and voiceless.

Allies in Colour calls on the Australian government, multicultural peak bodies, and human rights organisations to:

1. Publicly condemn the actions of the NSW healthcare workers and ensure accountability for racism in all institutions.
2. Accurately describe Israel's actions as apartheid and genocide, in line with international law and the findings of leading human rights organisations.
3. Take concrete steps to address systemic racism in Australia, including through education, policy reform, and support for affected communities.
4. Stand in solidarity with oppressed communities globally, including Palestinians, by ending all forms of complicity with apartheid and genocide.
5. Reclaim their role as advocates for justice by prioritising the voices and needs of the communities they represent over political expediency.

The incumbent government must recognise that its failure to address these issues is not only a moral failing but also a political liability. Faith based communities, multicultural groups, and human rights advocates are increasingly disillusioned with the government's inaction and complicity. If the government does not strike the right balance—by standing firmly against racism, advocating for justice, and accurately naming oppression—it risks losing the trust and votes of these critical constituencies.

Racism and violence are interconnected, and they thrive in environments where injustice is ignored or excused. Allies in Colour stands in solidarity with all communities fighting against oppression, both here in Australia and around the world. We urge the Australian government, multicultural peak bodies, and human rights organisations to take immediate action to address these issues and to uphold their moral and legal obligations to justice and human rights.

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