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MEDIA RELEASE

RAIDS ON THE HOME OF SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE ALLEGED FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN AUSTRALIAN AFFAIRS

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Last Friday, the home of NSW Upper House Member Shaoquett Moselmane was raided by ASIO in an ongoing investigation into allegations of foreign interference in Australian political affairs. Today, Mr. Moselmane delivered a press statement addressing this issue, and asking the media to maintain an unbiased and courteous position in all future reporting. The Rev. Hon. Fred Nile makes the following comments:

- *“The question of foreign interference in our local political life has been a going concern for the last several years. This has become more pressing in the era of online hacking and internet espionage. We have seen foreign government and other non-state actors exploiting this new technology to disrupt the democratic process*

and undermine the integrity of targeted governments. We have also seen personal contacts between Australian politicians and foreign dignitaries and business interests harm the reputation and standing of our elected representatives.”

- *“To my knowledge, no allegations have been made directly against Mr. Moselmane, despite his home being raided by ASIO late last week. In yesterday’s press conference, Mr. Moselmane has acknowledged his cooperation with the police and their professionalism in dealing with his situation.”*
- *“Since this controversy has come to light, Mr. Moselmane has indicated that he will be resigning from the Legislative Council and the ALP has indicated that they will be removing him from the roll of party members. I believe that this is appropriate given the magnitude and gravity of the situation.”*
- *“This is a very serious situation, and what allegations have been made should not be taken lightly or be treated flippantly by commentators. Australia is and should remain an independent, sovereign country that makes decisions over its future unencumbered by external powers such as China who do not have our interests at heart. I trust that the authorities will complete their work and get to the bottom of this controversy.”*

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