

Our view on Muslim Marriages Act and MPL Bill

We wish to state that we fully support efforts to recognise Muslim marriages, and we adopt a policy of constructive engagement with a view of finding solutions.

We however resist any attempt on the part of the state to involve itself in the exercise of taking sides on matters of religious doctrine or serving as arbiter over religious disputes. No other religious group in South Africa is subjected to such an imposition and Muslims should not be singled out for such a disparate and objectionable treatment. Shariah should remain within the domain of the Ulama and not be subjected to the interpretations of the courts.

We are of the firm view and willing to support a Bill that is 100% Shariah compliant as laid out by the Qur'aan and Sunnah.

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