



# Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

## Media Statement

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### Parliament supports *Vindaloo Against Violence* initiative

The Queensland Parliament today joins the *Vindaloo Against Violence* initiative, showing its support for Australia's Indian community.

Speaker John Mickel said the Parliament was pleased to support *Vindaloo Against Violence* and encouraged all Queenslanders to join in efforts to eliminate racial violence.

"*Vindaloo Against Violence* is about enjoying Indian food and culture, while at the same time reinforcing the serious message that violence of any kind, including racially motivated violence, is not acceptable in Australia.

"The Queensland Parliament wants to show its support for Australia's Indian community at a time when people may be feeling concerned", Mr Mickel said.

In support of *Vindaloo Against Violence*, the following menus featuring Indian dishes will be offered at the Parliament's three dining areas-

#### **Parliamentary cafeteria**

Tandoori Chicken with Mint Sauce  
Vegetable Pakora with Raita  
Beef Vindaloo  
Potato Dosa with Coconut Chutney

#### **Members' Dining Room**

##### Lunch

Lamb Biryani  
Beef Vindaloo and Naan Bread  
Chicken Tikka

##### Dinner

Prawn Curry with Naan Bread  
Mixed Vegetable Masala  
Shish Kebabs

#### **Strangers' Dining Room**

Vegetable Samosa with Mint Chutney  
Chick Peas and Parsley Salad  
Tandoori Spatchcock with Pilaf Rice and Apple Raita

The *Vindaloo Against Violence* initiative originated in Melbourne as a way of demonstrating support for the Indian community following a spate of racially-linked incidents. See further information at: <http://vindalooagainstviolence.wordpress.com/>

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