



Maronite Catholic Society of Australia Inc.

Media Statement

Maronite Catholic Society denounces response by the Project to offending all people of faith

Sydney, Australia, 3 March 2023 – The Maronite Catholic Society (MCS) has expressed deep concern and disappointment regarding the highly offensive and inappropriate comments made by Reuben Kaye on The Project on Tuesday 28 February, and the subsequent response by some of the hosts and program.

“While we acknowledge the apology of the hosts of the Project the following day, the response from the program itself and Network 10 fell far short of expectations. It was simply an attempt to minimise the offense and deflect blame,” said Mr Joseph Mekary, President, Maronite Catholic Society.

The Maronite Catholic Society is calling for an apology from Mr Kaye regarding his offensive comments made to all people of faith, and for the Project and Network 10 to provide a commitment to taking steps that ensure crude content that offends and hurts an entire group of people for the beliefs they hold has no place in broadcast.

“The media, especially live programming, has a greater responsibility to ensure its content is not explicit, offensive, or inappropriate, and that there are checks and balances that put a stop to this kind of blatant disregard for a belief system. It has no place in society and only contributes to the climate of intolerance and discrimination.” concluded Mr Mekary.

About the Maronite Catholic Society

Established over almost 35 years ago, the Maronite Catholic Society is an incorporated Maronite organisation assisting the Maronite Eparchy of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania to promote Maronite heritage and tradition.

The Maronite Catholic Society works alongside of the Maronite Bishop to fulfil the Eparchy’s vision at all levels, in particular to instil the Maronite spirit in the hearts and minds of future generations.