



PRESS RELEASE

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Suspect mass email condemns content of AMAC lecture

The so-called "Australia-Greece Advisory Council" has sent out a mass email condemning a lecture by Marcus Templar at the University of Notre Dame in Fremantle.

According to the email, the so-called "AGAC" "disapproves when bilateral issues between Greece and its neighbouring countries are brought out on Australian Territory by Greek authorities and community organisations". It also states that that "If Greece has an issue with the Republic of Macedonia then it should solve it like a model world citizen in direct bilateral talks with Skopje and not try to convince the world that there are "No Macedonians"".

No record of the so-called "AGAC" is yielded in an ASIC company search and thus the organisation is not a registered entity. AMAC believes the so-called "AGAC" is a recently created internet façade, previously unheard of in the Greek-Australian community and thus should not be taken to represent the community in any way shape or form. AMAC believes it is very possible the so-called "AGAC" and its website (aus-greeceadvisorycouncil.org.au) is in fact not run by Greek-Australians at all but is merely a façade created the appearance that it is operated by Greeks.

In any case, the claims of the so-called "AGAC" about Marcus Templar's lecture are without basis. Greek-Australian community organisations such as AMAC and independent persons such as Marcus Templar (and Professor John Melville-Jones) have as much right as any other person to comment on the naming dispute between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The issue has been the subject of several UN Assembly debates and is of significant concern to the Greek-Australians and should be fully aired and open to full debate.

The email is appended to this press release.

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Appendix

Please find attached a Media Release regarding an address held today by Mr Marcus Alexander Templar today at the Notre Dame University in Fremantle Western Australia about the so called "Macedonian Issue" as highly provocative and totally uncalled for in multicultural Australia.

AGAC welcomes the teaching of the Greek language and culture in Australia but disapproves when bilateral issues between Greece and its neighbouring countries are brought out on Australian Territory by Greek authorities and community organisations.

If Greece has an issue with the Republic of Macedonia then it should solve it like a model world citizen in direct bilateral talks with Skopje and not try to convince the world that there are "No Macedonians".

AGAC calls on Greece to accept modern day reality and that on this planet there are people who self-identify as Macedonians who are no threat in any way shape or format to the Greek Nation. Contrary to this "official view" the Macedonians are some of the best friends the Greek nation has.

Kind regards,

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