

Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026

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Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee

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Dear Committee,

**Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns Out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals
Amendment Bill 2026 (Bill)**

We are writing to you about this law which responds to acts of violence motivated by hatred. People with disability urgently need hate speech protections to address ongoing violence. Legislative reforms to introduce these changes have been caught up in the now paused *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* (Qld) reforms.

As a community we need commensurate and appropriate responses to acts of violence motivated by hatred, and we strongly urge the Committee to ensure legislative change that **explicitly includes people with disability** as a protected group. Hate speech and vilification were repeatedly identified as contributing factors to the harm experienced by people with disability as per the stories shared with the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability (DRC). The DRC addressed this issue directly with *Recommendation 4.30 – Vilification because of disability* which sets out clear and practical reforms to strengthen legal protections for people with disability under our discrimination laws as included in the *Respect at Work and Other Matters Amendment Act (2024)*.

Modernising and strengthening Queensland's discrimination laws is essential for building communities where all individuals, regardless of their abilities, feel a sense of belonging and are protected from exclusion and bias. By implementing these reforms, we can take a definitive stand for equality and inclusivity, making Queensland a leader in protecting the rights and dignity of people with disability. We acknowledge the current government concern about 'irrelevant criminal record', is now addressed by clauses 57 and 58 of the Bill.

We see that it is important to consider actions to introduce changes to the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* (Qld) to ensure protections against hatred for people with disability. These changes are desperately needed and will ensure that Queensland is a state where people with disability can fully participate and thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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