

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

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I wish to provide a brief personal submission regarding prohibited hate slogans used in Queensland.

My primary concern is the slogan "Globalise the Intifada," including its variations. In my experience, it is often used not as criticism of Israeli government policy—which is legitimate in any democracy—but as a call targeting the existence of the State of Israel itself. This distinction is important when considering how such language is understood, experienced, and regulated in the community.

I offer this perspective as someone personally involved as a friend and supporter of the Jewish community and broader social-cohesion initiatives in Queensland. My involvement has included volunteering as a food handler with the Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies; participating in rallies with the Minority Impact Coalition; holding stalls with the Australian Cohesion Forum, Australian Hindu Association and Hindu Media Association; participating in protests organised by the Iran Novin Party (Queensland chapter); and assisting as a flyer and voting-booth volunteer with the Queensland Jewish Collective. These experiences have given me direct exposure to how such slogans are used and experienced in public settings.

As a parent and legal guardian, I have also been held accountable under Queensland's education and youth justice frameworks and have accepted and respected their authority in confidential matters involving my son. This has reinforced for me the importance of clear laws, civic responsibility, and respect for lawful authority in maintaining community safety and cohesion.

I also wish to highlight the complex relationship between antisemitism and anti-Zionism. Criticism of Israeli government policy is neither antisemitic nor anti-Zionist and is a legitimate part of democratic discourse. However, rejection of the State of Israel's right to exist, or support for its destruction, is both anti-Zionist and antisemitic in its impact. Opposition to Zionist ideology alone is anti-Zionist but may or may not be antisemitic depending on context, language, and intent. This complexity should be recognised while considering reasonable limits on expression necessary to protect the safety and wellbeing of the Jewish community in Queensland, many of whom identify strongly with Zionism as part of their identity and community life.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission and for your work in strengthening community safety and cohesion in Queensland. I would welcome the opportunity to provide further information if helpful.