

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

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Firstly this bill should be two separate bills. I support the tightening of weapons laws in Queensland. I do not support any laws restricting free speech in Queensland. Free speech is a fundamental cornerstone of democracy, essential for fostering an informed, accountable, and pluralistic society. It empowers citizens to participate in public affairs, hold officials accountable, and debate diverse viewpoints without fear of government retribution, acting as a crucial "safety valve" for social stability. Making the use of internationally recognised phrases e.g. "from the river to the sea" and "globalise the intifada" unlawful is a restriction on the free speech of every queenslander. It restricts Queenslanders participation in the global action against the ongoing UN recognised genocide against the Palestinian people perpetrated by the state of Israel. These are not anti-semitic phrases. By definition Palestinians are semites.