

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

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I do not believe that Australia needs such oppressive and restrictive laws. I believe that the Bondi shootings were an isolated incident committed by two unhinged individuals in the same manner that the Christchurch shootings and the Port Arthur shootings occurred. Sadly the Bondi shootings have been politicised and weaponised and given meaning beyond what is reasonable. Australia currently has some high pressure lobby groups representing a foreign ideology and through their paying of large sponsorship payments to certain individuals in power in Australia, they are getting far more power and representation than is warranted. This is not safe or healthy for Australians. I believe in protecting our Jewish Australians, our Muslim Australians, our Christian Australians, our secular Australians and all Australians equally. Unfortunately these sponsor groups such as AJAC, are pushing for one particular group of Australians to receive preferential treatment which is above and beyond what is reasonable. This is making the rest of Australia feel unsafe and it is promoting a culture of fear. If these rules and laws go through, then we will be too afraid to say anything in case it is misinterpreted and used against us in an oppressive and draconian way. This does not protect Australia or any Australians. It is simply repression. We have already seen how this political ideology and sentiment has led to Premier Minns appearing to instruct the New South Wales police into using excessive violence towards peaceful demonstrators. This goes against Australia's rights and civil liberties.

Australia has always represented free speech and the right to peaceful demonstration. Any attempt to deprive us of these essential, fundamental rights is not acting in the best interests of Australia. We should resist undue influence from a certain foreign country which is currently pressuring Australian politicians. The visit of President Herzog is a prime example of this. The Australian public was not consulted and thousands of Australians and Australian groups objected to this and asked for it not to go ahead. We had very sound grounds for doing so. This man represented violence and made many Australians feel unsafe. He also represented principles and actions that completely go against Australian values and those of the United Nations and the international law court.

As an Australian I am urging the Committee and the government to keep our current Australian laws and to repeal the oppressive censorship laws that have already been pushed through without adequate public consultation or approval. And not to add these proposed new laws. We need our elected representatives to represent us again and not to give in to the pressures of a foreign political ideology. So I am very much against these new laws being proposed.

We need laws that embody freedom of speech and the right to peaceful demonstration. If we wish to I do not believe that Australia needs such oppressive and restrictive laws. I believe that the Bondi shootings were an isolated incident committed by two unhinged individuals in the same manner that the Christchurch shootings and the poor Arthur shootings occurred. Sadly the Bondi shootings have been politicised and weaponised and given meaning beyond what is reasonable. Australia currently has some high pressure lobby groups representing a foreign ideology and through paying large sponsorship payments to certain individuals empower in Australia, they are getting far more power and representation than is warranted. This is not safe or healthy for Australians. I believe in protecting our Jewish Australians, Air Muslim Australians, our Christian Australians, our secular Australians and all Australians equally. Unfortunately these sponsor groups such as AJAC, are pushing for one particular group of Australians to receive preferential treatment which is above and beyond what is reasonable. This is making the rest of Australia feel unsafe and it is promoting a culture of fear. If these rules and laws go through then we will be too afraid to say anything in case it is misinterpreted and used against us in an oppressive and Draconian way. This does not protect Australia or any Australians. It is simply repression. We have already seen how this political ideology and sentiment has led to premier Minns appearing to instruct the New South Wales police into using excessive violence towards peaceful demonstrators. This goes against Australia's rights and civil liberties. Australia has always represented free speech and the right to peaceful demonstration. Any attempt to deprive us of these essential, fundamental rights, is not acting in the best interest of Australia. We should resist undo influence from a certain foreign country which is currently pressuring Australian politicians. The visit of President Herzog is a prime example of this. The Australian public was not consulted and thousands of Australians and Australian groups objected to this and asked for it not to go ahead. We had very sound grounds for doing so. This man represented violence and made many Australians feel unsafe. He also represented principles and actions that completely go against Australian values and those of the United Nations and the international law court. As an Australian I am urging the committee and the government to restore our Australian laws and to repeal the oppressive censorship laws that have already been pushed through without adequate public consultation or approval. We need our elected representatives to represent us again and not to give in to the precious of a foreign political ideology. So I am very much against these new laws being proposed. We need laws that embody freedom of speech and the right to peaceful demonstration. If we wish to combat any real dangerous to the Australian people then that should be through better education, public awareness, community cohesion and events, and the combating of any other discrimination such as with Islamophobia. Australia has always had a very good record for public safety as compared to many other countries. Creating divisiveness and suspicion and fear through these oppressive new laws will only increase dangers and not address or abate them. So I request that these proposed new laws are not passed. Any real dangers to the Australian people then should be addressed through better education, public awareness and diverse consultation, community cohesion and positive events, and the combating of any other discriminations such as Islamophobia.

Australia has always had a very good record for public safety as compared to many other countries. Creating divisiveness and suspicion and fear through these oppressive new laws will only increase dangers and not address or abate them. So I request that these proposed new laws are not passed. Thank you.