

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

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I want to register my strong opposition to elements of this Bill. The Bill severely restricts freedom of political expression, which is a fundamental tenet of our society and an implied right in our constitution. By targeting the right to protest, the Bill undermines our democracy and places unacceptable powers in the hands of the State Government and law enforcement. These will be abused to silence legitimate criticism and vilify political opponents, as we have already seen this year with similar far-reaching powers employed by the New South Wales Government in the aftermath of the Bondi terror attack. The Bill in its current form does not address antisemitism in any way; rather, it is capitalising on the suffering caused by the Bondi terror attack to score political points and grab powers for the police. The Bill is an underhanded abuse of the Australian Jewish community, not an effort to protect it.