

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

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### **Statement of Opposition:**

Know that it is wrong to invite a genocidal war criminal into our country whilst removing our freedom of speech. + Imposing a bill on us. Thousands of Australians are opposed to this. Labelling Shi'a Muslims as Antisemitic when we stood up for those Jewish victims at the Bondi incident is unacceptable. As a Shi'a Muslim we condemn all forms of racism including antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Indigenous and anti-Palestinian racism and racist police brutality as our religion is a religion of peace and tolerance.

Therefore before you label us as antisemitic I would like to share with you a verse; The Qur'an states:

***"O people! We have created thee from a male and a female and made you into nations and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most honorable of you with Allah is that [one] who fears Allah. Indeed, Allah is Omniscient, All-Aware."*** [Qur'an. 49: 13]

### **Key Concerns:**

The Bill severely restricts freedom of political communication which is an implied right in the Australian Constitution.

The explanatory notes seem to conflate antisemitism and legitimate political expression that seeks to educate and advocate for the Palestinian people.

The Bill fails to acknowledge the growing public movement in Queensland in support of Palestinian rights. Addressing this legitimate sentiment with dialogue, rather than measures that seek to silence and erase Palestinian history, is essential for social cohesion.

### **Conclusion:**

Shi'a Muslims aren't taught to hate Jews, for we generally respect and regard Both Jews and Christians as Dhimmis/ Ahlul Kitab (People of the Book). We only use these slogans merely to raise awareness for the Palestinian people who have suffered in the hands of the Israeli regime. Didn't say we were against Jews we are opposed to the Israeli Genocidal regime.

We'd strongly oppose this Bill as an attempt to restrict free speech and create extraordinary powers without proper democratic scrutiny. The Bill must be withdrawn to allow for a comprehensive review of its impact on civil liberties, political participation and the rule of law. We call on the Committee to uphold and defend Australia's democratic foundations by safeguarding the fundamental right to political communication.

The Bill is an overreach of political power and structurally biased. It risks criminalising legitimate political expression, suppressing advocacy for Palestinian rights and undermining civil liberties.

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