

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

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The Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026, while framed around important and widely supported goals, raises serious concerns about overreach and unintended consequences. Combating antisemitism and preventing violence are critical objectives, but legislation that broadly expands surveillance powers, increases vague reporting obligations, or restricts lawful firearm ownership without clear due process protections risks undermining civil liberties. Poorly defined terms or expansive enforcement mechanisms could chill free expression, disproportionately impact minority communities, and erode trust between the public and government institutions. Effective policy should be narrowly tailored, evidence-based, and carefully balanced to protect both public safety and constitutional rights, rather than relying on sweeping measures that may sacrifice fundamental freedoms in the name of security.