

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

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Submission to the Inquiry into criminalising
protest slogans in Queensland

To the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee,

We engage with this Inquiry because it is vital to expose the dangers of the proposed slogan ban, rising authoritarianism and how it will function to reinforce rather than challenge racial violence and hatred. We have described the inquiry into 'Fighting antisemitism and keeping guns out of the hands of terrorists and criminals amendment bill 2026' as the Inquiry into 'criminalising protest slogans in Queensland' as this is the part of the Bill we wish to address and accurately describe.

We begin by outlining the current political context of racism in Queensland and Australia more broadly:

- In Boorloo/Perth, Blackfullas were bombed protesting this colony.
- In Brisbane, engineers build bombs for Israel to drop on Palestinians.
- In 2025, more Blackfullas were killed by Australian police and the carceral system than any other year on record. In 2026, the same police bashed worshippers during their evening prayers for peace and justice.
- On their day of mourning, Blackfullas were criminalised for burning a flag that represents genocide and state violence. Two weeks later, the Australian government welcomed a war criminal responsible for burning thousands of Palestinian people in ongoing genocide.

The Queensland Government's actions in this moment remain true to its colonial history. In this time of intensifying white supremacy and state violence, the Queensland Government is responding by banning the chats of a peace movement that call for freedom and equality. With this Bill, Crisafulli is deepening his government's complicity with genocide and its repression of those who resist it.

This 'Inquiry' – which has no terms of reference and offers less than a week for stakeholder consultation - contributes to a well-established strategy to weaponise the Bondi tragedy to enable repressive law-making and distract from overwhelming state violence by 'Australia' and 'Israel'.

It has become routine for politicians and media to claim that those who stand up against the state of Israel are antisemitic, racist and threats to peace. This strategy uses a well-worn conflation of antisemitism and anti-Zionism to confuse and distract the public from genuine hatred and violence – Israel's genocide and the complicity of the Australian Government. This Bill attempts to convince the public that standing up against genocide – the most extreme and violent form of racist hate – is in fact, racist and hateful.

With this Bill, the Crisafulli government is criminalising anticolonial expression, undermining political freedom and granting itself authoritarian powers. This legislation poses a danger to Indigenous people and those challenging the violence of settler-colonialism everywhere.

Queensland Governments have a long history of repressing and criminalising social movements that criticise and challenge them, particularly groups fighting for Indigenous justice. At last year's biggest Magandjin rally, Palestinians, Blackfullas, anti-Zionist Jews and allies stood together in a crowd of over 50,000 people. Growing grassroots movements like this undermine the narrative of division that the Queensland Government relies on to justify its authoritarian and discriminatory policies. This Bill is an attempt to suppress a growing solidarity movement that is calling out the Queensland Government for its role in the genocide in Gaza and in so-called Queensland.

Sincerely,

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