

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

Submission No: 324

Submission By: Alana Williams

Publication: Making the submission and your name public

Regarding the Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns Out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026 (Qld)

The announcement of the Crisafulli government's intent to introduce new hate speech laws is an overreach of power and an attack on our freedom of expression.

While every reasonable person would agree that hate symbols such as a swastika should never be displayed in public, it is deeply concerning that "globalise the intifida" and "from the river to the see" are being included in these new laws.

"Intifida" is an Arabic word that translates roughly to "shaking off", and is commonly used to mean uprising. For an example, the Warsaw Ghetto uprising is referred to as an intifida in Arabic media.

"From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" means that ALL people (Jews, Christians, and Muslims alike) from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea will be free and equal.

The deliberate misrepresentation of these phrases by conservative politicians, media, and lobbyists is designed to push propaganda in order to undermine our fundamental rights.