

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

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1. There are two topics covered in this proposed legislation. They are largely un-related and should be split into two separate bills.
2. The Criminals Amendment Bill confers powers on the Minister regarding the prescription of organisations and banning of certain phrases or expressions. These powers are not subject to appeal via a fair process, a judicial review or parliamentary oversight. They should be.
3. The powers to be conferred on the Minister to criminalize certain expressions are too subjective. The focus seems to have been on certain expressions relating to the position of Palestinian people. In comparison why should the phrase "send them back" also not be considered offensive and damaging to members of the Queensland community to a much greater degree. This example show the problems with this draft legislation especially regarding the conference of unlimited powers on a Minister.