

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

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The Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee
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Dear Committee Members

Re: Proposed Queensland Hate Speech Law

1. I am against the proposed Queensland Hate Speech Law on the ground that it amounts to censorship.
2. Going to war against words is the height of folly and doesn't solve political problems.
3. Such a law will only generate pent up anger in people and make them hate the legislators who brought in such a law, and also hate the people who convinced the legislators to enact such a law.
4. It is clear to all good hearted people that the real purpose of the law is to shield from criticism the killers who have killed over 70,000 innocent Palestinian people in Gaza and their sympathisers.
5. This is the first thing that people will remember the Crisafuli Government for.
6. They will remember that the Crisafuli Government didn't cover itself with glory in enacting this law.
7. In earlier days of Queensland, calling someone a "Wog" or a "Dago" were examples of hate speech by our Anglo Saxon heritage friends against Italians and Greeks.
8. "You speak English" is another example of their hate speech back in those days.
9. Such speech would also be covered by the wider ambit of the new law.
10. However, we would expect the law to be applied by people of Anglo Saxon heritage.
11. We would also not expect the law to be applied in an even handed manner by people of Anglo Saxon heritage against their own people.

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12. Even if this law is enacted, it will prove to the whole world how bereft of any intelligence and kindness we Queenslanders are in electing representatives who are afraid of words.

Yours faithfully

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