

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

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Anti-Semitism is unacceptable and must be addressed. We need to ensure that no one is the target of hate nor violence. However, the proposed hate speech laws by the QLD government will create more issues than they solve.

Our Jewish community members deserve to live their lives and practise their religion in safety. The same safety also needs to be promised to every single member of our community, regardless of belief. From Christians, to Muslims, to Jews, to atheists: we all deserve to live in safety. The Queensland government must not allow the Zionist lobbies to create division within Australian communities. The Jewish Council of Australia has pushed back on the Federal Governments dangerous hate speech bill; as seen here <https://www.jewishcouncil.com.au/2026/01/media-release-jewish-council-urges-pause-on-rushed-and-dangerous-hate-speech-bill>.

The Queensland government must ensure that the Zionist regime is kept separate from the Jewish identity; the two are not the same. Zionism has been determined, by the Jewish Voice for Peace, to be detrimental to the Jewish identity; finding that Zionism itself fuels Anti-Semitism. Zionism is a political, racist ideology, whereas Judaism practices love and peace: the two are complete opposites.

Please see here Rabbi Feldman's and other Jewish groups' remarks on Zionism:

<https://kashmirtimes.com/opinion/comment-articles/rabbi-dovid-feldman-state-of-israel-is-rebellion-against-god>

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/americas/orthodox-jews-stage-protest-in-new-york-against-netanyahu-s-upcoming-un-visit/3690941>

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/ultra-orthodox-anti-zionist/>

<https://www.trtworld.com/video/16446284>

Within just the last month, the Israeli Defence Force (IDF) killed a 14-year-old Jewish child in Israel. Moreover, throughout the genocide in Gaza, Jewish citizens of Israel have been protesting in refusal of serving with the IDF. This has resulted in fierce attacks from the IDF; hurting their own Jewish citizens. This is a violation of International Human Rights Conventions. See the reports here:

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/1/7/ultra-orthodox-fury-over-military-enlistment-turns-deadly-in-israel>

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/netanyahu-tries-to-calm-tensions-after-israeli-bus-runs-over-and-kills-ultra-orthodox-teen-during-protest>

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2025/03/i-couldnt-wear-a-uniform-that-symbolizes-killing-and-oppression-israeli-activist-who-refuses-to-serve-in-the-israeli-army/>

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/10/30/thousands-of-ultra-orthodox-rally-in-jerusalem-against-military-service>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cly580gkd9ro>

Please see here to read the difference between Judaism and Zionism:

<https://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/resource/zionism/>

In accordance with countless human rights bodies, it has been determined that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. Genocide is illegal under International Law. Please see the United Nations definition on genocide here; <https://www.un.org/en/genocide-prevention/definition>

Please also see the following links detailing Israel's countless violations of international law; crimes against humanity, war crimes, and findings that declare Israel is committing genocide.

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/09/israel-has-committed-genocide-gaza-strip-un-commission-finds>

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2025/07/israel-opt-israeli-organizations-conclude-israel-committing-genocide-against-palestinians-in-gaza-in-another-milestone-for-accountability-efforts/>

<https://www.amnesty.org.au/amnesty-concludes-israel-genocide-in-gaza/>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cde3eyzdr63o>

<https://acij.org.au/israel-is-committing-genocide-australia-must-act/>

<https://www.icj-cij.org/node/203454>

<https://www.uwa.edu.au/news/article/2025/august/is-israel-committing-genocide-in-gaza-we-asked-5-legal-and-genocide-experts-how-to-interpret-the-violence>

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/02/26/israel-not-complying-world-court-order-genocide-case>

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2025/09/30/commission-of-inquiry-report-highlights-growing-consensus-on-israels-genocidal-gaza>

Amendment Point One to the Bill: *strengthen the prohibition of the public use of hate symbols, ensuring it effectively combats their promotion and protects community safety and social cohesion.*

In line with the Victorian Government, who introduced a ban of additional Nazi symbols and gestures in late 2023, the QLD government must do the same. These measures work more effectively to address anti-Semitism, as the Nazi party have continuously committed crimes against humanity (particularly within Jewish populations). See here <https://www.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-10/Fact-Sheet-Ban-of-nazi-symbols-and-gestures.pdf>

This amendment must very clearly define which hate symbols are included. For example, the Queensland government cannot ban the Palestinian flag or Palestinian Keffiyeh, as other governing bodies have tried to do and was consequently determined to be unlawful and unjust. Please see supporting documentation of this example in the link below.

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/Joint/Human Rights/AntisemitismAusUni/Report/Chapter 4 - Relevant International Human Rights Law](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Human_Rights/AntisemitismAusUni/Report/Chapter_4_-_Relevant_International_Human_Rights_Law)

Amendment Point Two to the Bill: *prohibit the use of expressions used to incite discrimination, hostility or violence towards certain groups.*

Threatening the public with jail time for speaking out against a genocide will not create social cohesion. This is in direct violation of International Human Rights Laws:

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) <https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-civil-and-political-rights>

Specifically, under the UDHR and Article 19 of the ICCPR the amendment put forth by the QLD government impedes on Queenslanders Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Speech. Specifically, in reference to the expression; 'From the River to the Sea'. This in no way, shape, or form is discriminatory in nature. On the contrary, it speaks to stopping the violence against innocent men, women, and children in Palestine (please see supporting link below). This expression is NOT used to incite against Jewish people;

it is a call of support for the Palestinian civilians who are being targeted. In accordance with the below reference from the Australian Government, attempts to ban this saying are not in line with human rights laws; this has been supported by both Jewish and Palestinian activists, human rights activists, and scholars. Additionally, the Jewish Council of Australia has long spoken out against the crimes committed by Israel, and was actively petitioning to rescind the invitation for Israeli President Herzog to visit Australia <https://www.jewishcouncil.com.au/news-media>. Please see the following supporting documentation.

<https://jewishcurrents.org/what-does-from-the-river-to-the-sea-really-mean>

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/Joint/Human Rights/AntisemitismAusUni/Report/Chapter 4 - Relevant International Human Rights Law](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Human_Rights/AntisemitismAusUni/Report/Chapter_4_-_Relevant_International_Human_Rights_Law)

Amendment Point 3 to the Bill: *Protect faith communities by ensuring people are not intimidated while accessing places of worship.*

This protection cannot just be for our Jewish community members: this amendment MUST protect every person of every faith in our community. Everyone deserves to practise their religious beliefs in safety, as written in Article 18 of the ICCPR and UDHR.

Amendment Point 4 to the Bill: *modernise criminal offences related to religious worship to align with contemporary drafting practices and increase maximum penalties.*

This amendment MUST ensure that it does not impact on Article 18 of the ICCPR and UDHR. This outlines religious freedoms to peacefully practice one's religion in any public place, or where they have prior consent to practice. Restricting practice of peaceful religious expression is a violation of human rights.

Amendment Point 5 to the Bill: *increase the maximum penalty for stealing a firearm or ammunition to 14 years imprisonment.*

This amendment appears to work positively to reduce gun violence.

Amendment Point 6 to the Bill: *Introduce a new offence under the Criminal Code that prohibits acts done in preparation for, or planning, an offence likely to cause the death or grievous bodily harm of another.*

More clarity is required to ensure consistency and reduce discretion. This amendment must specifically detail which acts are considered under this protection.

Amendment Point 7 to the Bill: *amend section 540 'Preparation to commit crimes with dangerous things' of the Criminal Code by clearly stating the offence applies in relation to dangerous or offensive weapons or instruments.*

More clarity is required to ensure consistency and reduce discretion. This amendment must specifically detail which things are considered under this protection.

Amendment Point 8 to the Bill: *impose as a combined suite of reforms, the strongest maximum penalties in Australia for a range of offences in the Weapons Act 1990(Weapons Act) to deter criminal behaviour that endangers community safety.*

In accordance with the decision to make Jack's Law permanent, more clarity is required to ensure consistency and reduce discretion. This amendment must specifically detail which things are considered under this protection.

Amendment Point 9 to the Bill: *introduce a specific offence prohibiting the reckless discharge of a weapon towards a building or a vehicle.*

This amendment appears to work positively to reduce gun violence.

Amendment Point 10 to the Bill: Introduce new offences within the Weapons Act prohibiting the possession and distribution of a blueprint material for the manufacture of a firearm on a 3D printer or electronic milling machine.

This amendment appears to work positively to reduce gun violence.

Amendment Point 11 to the Bill: prescribe additional offences under the *Youth Justice Act 1992* (Youth Justice Act) as Adult Crime, Adult Time arising from the seriousness of the new offences introduced or maximum penalties imposed.

Children are those aged under 18 years of age. In accordance with Amnesty International, these laws are in gross violation of human rights. Research from Amnesty International shows that throwing children in jail reaffirms their behaviour and sets them on a dangerous path <https://www.amnesty.org.au/queensland-lnp-adult-crime-adult-time-policy-flies-in-the-face-of-all-evidence/>. Instead, we should be engaging them in education programs to help them, rather than to put them in jail with hardened criminals. This must not be added, our children should be protected, not thrown away into a jail cell. Please see below reports.

<https://www.amnesty.org.au/billions-spent-rights-ignored-australias-crime-approach-is-failing/>

<https://www.amnesty.org.au/labors-new-laws-will-try-14-year-olds-as-adults-act-now-to-protect-kids/>

<https://www.amnesty.org.au/queensland-governments-adult-crime-adult-time-laws-a-violation-of-childrens-rights/>

<https://action.amnesty.org.au/act-now/qld-kids-dont-belong-in-prison-cells>

Amendment Point 12 to the Bill: *require that a Queensland weapons licence holder must, unless limited exceptions apply, be an Australian citizen.*

This will make no difference to social cohesion and public safety. Instead, mandated mental health checks, frequent check-ins to keep gun licenses up to date with mental health check-ups, and a reduction on the number of guns allowed in possession at any one time must be enforced. This will work best to ensure community safety. As the Federal government implemented, they enacted the largest gun buyback scheme and reduced the number of guns allowed to be owned at any one time. This MUST be enacted in Queensland. Please see here <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-labor-government-will-establish-national-gun-buyback-scheme>

Amendment Point 13 to the Bill: *broaden the scope of an individual's history that may be considered in firearms licensing decisions to include information about violent and weapons-related offences, irrespective of whether a conviction is spent or not recorded.*

This amendment appears to work positively to reduce gun violence.

Amendment Point 14 to the Bill: *strengthen the effectiveness of the Firearm Prohibition Order (FPO) scheme which is designed to deter high-risk individuals from acquiring, possessing, or using firearms.*

This amendment appears to work positively to reduce gun violence.

Amendment Point 15 to the Bill: *reform controlled operations legislation under Chapter 11 of the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 (PPRA) to enable police to frustrate criminal activity.*

More clarity is required to ensure consistency and reduce discretion. We cannot allow Queensland to take after the United States, where police brutality against innocent citizens has become commonplace. This amendment must specifically detail which powers and responsibilities will be considered under this revision. The Law must be upheld where every person has the right to a fair trial, and to be treated innocent until proven guilty.

Amendment Point 16 to the Bill: *expand the scope of offences that may be investigated through the use of controlled operations, controlled activities and surveillance device warrants.*

More clarity is required to ensure consistency and reduce discretion. We cannot allow Queensland to take after the United States, where police brutality against innocent citizens has become commonplace. This amendment must specifically detail which controlled operations and activities will be considered under this revision. The Law

must be upheld where every person has the right to a fair trial, and to be treated innocent until proven guilty.

Amendment Point 17 to the Bill: *maintain the existing electronic service provisions for official warnings for consorting and police banning notices.*

This amendment appears to work positively to support public safety.

Amendment Point 18 to the Bill: *strengthen intelligence and information-sharing by formalising information sharing with the Australian Defence Force (ADF).*

We cannot allow Queensland to become the United States, where the US Defence Force was called in to maintain social order under Trump. Also, this amendment must ensure public privacy laws are upheld to the fullest extent, with no exceptions.

Amendment Point 19 to the Bill: *strengthen the storage requirements for category A, B, C, E and M weapons by requiring these weapons to be stored exclusively in solid steel containers.*

This amendment appears to work positively to support public safety.

As a Queenslander, I am proud of our multiculturalism and inclusivity. I am NOT proud of the various governments (federal, state, and local) bowing to Zionist pressure. We are stronger than that. We MUST stand for the safety and wellbeing of all people, of all faiths, of all backgrounds, of all appearances. To create social cohesion, we must ensure that the laws, policies, and actions of the government work to support everyone; and that means upholding International Human Rights Conventions. And not bowing to Zionist pressure and influence.

The Queensland government MUST uphold all International Human Rights Conventions. The Queensland government has no right to take away our Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Speech, nor Freedom of Peaceful Assembly. It is paramount that the government ensures Zionist ideals are separated from the Jewish faith and identity. This is the best way to reduce anti-Semitism. I stand with my Jewish community members against hate. Zionism fuels hate.

We must work together as one to ensure that no one is treated with disrespect, no one is marginalised, and no one lives their life in fear. This means the entire community; Muslims, Christians, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists; everyone.