

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

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Submission to the Criminal Amendment Act of 2026 in relation to Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns Out of the Hands of Terrorists.

I applaud the Queensland Government's attempt to address hate speech and the oppression of minority groups however I strongly object to the proposed legislation in its current form. The proposed legislation privileges some groups over others particularly Zionist groups, while other minorities are coloured as the perpetrators of hate speech making them the target of attention and oppression. This legislation gives licence to police and the judiciary to limit free speech and censor healthy criticism. It particularly victimises Palestinian groups who face genocide, starvation and the most appauling privations. Their only weapon is their ability to speak out their experience in a peace-focused, honest plea for justice and the end of oppression.

Legislation that effectively addresses values of peace, harmony and inclusion should be focused on ways in which the community can nurture equality, education and understanding between groups. The proposed legislation is seeking culprits and punishment through methods of oppression and violence. These methods are divisive and will lead to stronger uprisings and dissent as we are seeing in America at the moment.

I call upon the Committee to uphold the democratic values that have guided Australian society for generations and to model a direction that leads to a fairer and more inclusive society.

Your sincerely
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