

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

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Dear Committee,

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

**Position – Oppose the Objective:**

*prohibit the use of expressions used to incite discrimination, hostility or violence towards certain groups*

I strongly oppose this objective due to concerns about the potential erosion of legitimate political communication and freedom of speech.

While prohibiting the incitement of physical violence is reasonable and necessary, it is much harder to define and regulate expressions said to encourage “discrimination” or “hostility”.

These terms are inherently subjective and open to broad interpretation and will mean different things to different people.

If they are not clearly defined, the law could end up restricting normal political debate, religious beliefs, and everyday cultural expression.

As a gay man, I personally felt that religious organisations’ opposition to same-sex marriage (particularly during the 2017 national debate) as discriminatory and hostile. I believe that such opposition caused me psychological violence and suffering. I understand that this Bill focuses on race and religion and ignores that race and religion may also incite ‘discrimination’ and ‘hostility’ to other vulnerable groups.

Even so, in a democracy, people and organisations should be free to express their genuine religious or moral views, even when others strongly disagree with them.

I accept that slogans such as “From the river to the sea” and “Globalise the Intifada” can incite ‘discrimination’ or ‘hostility’, however this can also mean that the objective of this Bill could be conceivably used to restrict and prohibit statements and slogans such as:

- “Our character is essentially Anglo-Celtic and Judaeo-Christian. That's what has made our country attractive to migrants, and we should keep it that way” – Tony Abbott, 13/02 2026, ABC 7:30 Report. **[RACE AND RELIGION]**
- “If someone doesn't subscribe to our core beliefs, the door must be shut” – Angus Taylor, 13/02/2026, Press Conference. **[RACE AND RELIGION]**
- “We must protect Western civilisation” **[RACE]**
- “Always was and always will be Aboriginal Land” **[RACE]**

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- “Sovereignty was never ceded” **[RACE]**
- “Go back to where you came from” **[RACE]**
- “Love it or leave it” **[RACE]**
- “Australia Day should remain on 26 January” **[RACE]**
- “Happy Australia Day” **[RACE]**
- “Only men can be priests” **[RELIGION]**
- “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Easter” **[RELIGION]**

Some people, including myself, may see these statements as exclusionary or offensive in certain contexts.

However, prohibiting such speech would be a significant assault on political discussion, religious freedom, and ordinary cultural expression.

For these reasons, any limits on speech should be tightly focused on direct and intentional incitement of violence and carefully written to avoid unintended restrictions on lawful and legitimate expression.

Yours sincerely,

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