

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

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Dear Queensland Parliament Committee considering the said above Bill, I am writing to register my non-support of this Bill. It risks

- Criminalising legitimate political expression;
- Suppressing advocacy for Palestinian rights
- Undermining civil liberties for all Queenslanders particularly in terms of free speech
- The Bill is not impartial. By using the word Antisemitism rather than Racism, it favours one section of the community over others. This is a dangerous precedent
- The phrase 'From the River to the Sea' has been used by both Israelis and Palestinians for decades but I fear the Bill as it stands will penalise its use by those judged to be Palestinian supporters only.
- This Bill is not for everyone. If you wish to reduce fear and hatred, you educate people you work towards cohesion, you facilitate dialogue and understanding.
- A piece of legislation like the one in question will not solve the problem, it will not make Queenslanders more safe. It draws lines in the sand, it separates and singles people one from the other. It will only clog up our legal system even more.