

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

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ABOUT ME: I am a black/coloured migrant from a country and a people that have once faced occupation, apartheid and colonisation (but not settler colonisation) and a person who counts among his friends people of all faiths, ethnicities and colours – including Jews.

STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION:

- I. **HARASSMENT & VILIFICATION:** As a migrant of colour from a nation that has faced occupation, apartheid and colonisation (though not settler colonisation), I am deeply conscious that the lack of evidence of antisemitism at anti-occupation protests and the deliberate conflation of antisemitism with anti-occupation/anti-colonisation/anti-apartheid/anti-ethnic cleansing/anti-genocide protests by the proponents of this bill has exacerbated and incited **hatred and police/state violence against and demonisation, defamation and persecution** of:
 - A. Muslims
 - B. All people opposed to occupation, apartheid, land and home annexation, ethnic cleansing and expulsion of indigenous people.
 - C. Palestinians
 - D. People of my coloured, occupied, colonised background who empathise with and support Palestinians in their freedom and anti-apartheid struggle.Abuse against and harassment of all the above communities on social media is rife even as we speak on account of this bill and statements and actions taken by state and federal politicians, premiers and the NSW Police.
- II. **RACISM VIA SELECTIVE COMPASSION:** The bill singles out people of the Jewish faith for protection but makes no reference and *offers no remedy or commiseration to* victims of **islamophobia, anti-Palestinianism and xenophobic attacks** on coloured migrants like me
- III. **CONFLATION:** The bill deliberately conflates opposition to occupation, genocide, land and home annexation, ethnic cleansing, expulsions against Palestinians with hatred of Jews. The suspicion therefore arises that the bill secretly tries to stamp out all criticism of Israel's occupation, apartheid, ethnic cleansing and land grab under the pretext of combatting antisemitism.
- IV. **LACK OF EVIDENCE:** The proponents of the bill have not adduced a shred of evidence via recordings or testimony of eyewitnesses of any antisemitic speech or statement at any of the protests against Israel's occupation-annexation-apartheid-ethnic cleansing-genocide.
- V. **LACK OF CORROBORATION BY INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS/LINGUISTS:** The proponents of the bill have provided no details – names of scholars/linguists, their academic and professional

credentials, their research papers, their **independence** – to back their accusation that the expressions:

- “**From the River to The Sea, Palestine will be free**” is *not* a call to free Palestinians within Israel from apartheid laws and practices and Palestinians from the Occupied West Bank and blockaded Gaza from occupation, frequent deadly attacks, land and home annexations and a call to allow Israel-expelled Palestinians to return; but rather a call “to kill/expel Jews from the River Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea”.

The call to free Europe from German occupation during WWII was not seen as a call to “kill all Germans” – but simply a call for “an end to the Occupation”. Why is it different when a call relates to freeing Palestinians? Does this not indicate double standards and fallacious/presumptuous arguments when it comes to freeing Palestinians from occupation?

- “**Globalise the Intifada**”: is not a call to globalise the support for an end to Israel’s occupation, land grab, apartheid and land grab on the lines of globalising the campaign against South Africa’s erstwhile apartheid regime; but rather a campaign “to intimidate, persecute and harm Jews”.

- VI. **IGNORANCE AND UNFAMILIARITY:** Embarrassingly, the proponents of the bill are clueless that Palestinians are themselves Semites: Jews, Samaritans, Edomites and other ancient tribes of the land who converted to Christianity and many later to Islam! What sense, therefore, does it make for the bill’s proponents to accuse supporters of Palestinian freedom of ‘antisemitism’?
- VII. **SPECIOUSNESS:** To advance their defamatory allegations of antisemitism against the Palestine solidarity campaign, the proponents of the bill hide the fact that the campaign – both in Australia and internationally - is always attended and even led by Jews.
- VIII. **HASTE:** The haste with which the bill is being rushed and the absurdly short notice given to the public to file submissions itself suggest the proponents of the bill are unable and unwilling to defend their thesis of antisemitism against the anti-occupation movement.
- IX. **VAGUENESS:** The proponents of the bill have:
 1. Failed to name the expressions and symbols it seeks to prohibit and punish
 2. Failed to provide details of: a) which body will decide which expressions and symbols the bill seeks to prohibit and b) the names and academic credentials of its constituents that will make judgements of antisemitism on the anti-occupation slogans and chants.

SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS: From the glaring contradictions and unprofessional lacunae in the bill’s preparation and the flawed assumptions outlined above and its denial of time for proper scrutiny and debate, it is obvious that the bill’s proponents’ real intentions are not to provide healing, protection, remedy and reconciliation to all communities in Australia; but rather to silence all criticism of Israel’s occupation, land and home thefts, apartheid, ethnic cleansing and its denial of return to Israel-expelled Palestinian refugees.