

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

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At April 2017 I was a backpacker in Australia. I experienced discrimination in a shop in Cairns for being Israeli. I did not say or expose any opinion because I didn't even get a chance. I was speaking in Hebrew to my friend trying to decide what jowl to choose for getting my nose pierced. Meanwhile the sales person was on the phone. When he hung up we asked him for the price of several things and he said that he had to stop us first and ask where we are from. He recognized based on our language or maybe accent that we were Israeli. It happened to be that me and the other girl I traveled with did not see eye to eye on many political aspects regarding Israel. It didn't matter to the sales person and so I know it was not a political agenda. At first I was silent, I froze, and the other girl tried to claim that not all Israeli citizens think the same. When we were about to leave I mentioned that he recognized us based on our language, then why let us wait 10 minutes while he was on the phone? To this he responded that he thought we saw the sign. There was a sign saying "no Israelis served here". I was in shock because I remembered reading about such things in history books but never thought I would see one live. I took a picture and left. Later that day when I told someone ex-Israeli about the experience they said that the sign is there for 10 years and no one is doing anything about it. They just know to avoid it. That is when I published a post about it (added link bellow).

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