

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

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As a constituent of QLD and an opponent of all forms of racism, I recognise the dangers to civil liberties and community safety in the current form of the Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns Out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill 2026.

I understand that media statements concerning this bill link its measures to the tragic events of the Bondi attacks this year, and that antisemitism is the core focus of the legislative changes proposed. I also understand that there are no such references to the racist violence experienced by Palestinian community members, but the explanatory notes and recent media statements suggest it is a response to the growing peaceful movement amongst Australians defending the human rights of the Palestinian people. As a friend and supporter of Australian Jewish peace advocates, I share their concern that the equation of this peaceful movement with antisemitism is a threat to the core democratic principles enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

I am concerned also that the bill represents an overly generalised overreach of power to proscribe political speech, bypassing democratic process and leaving opportunities for future state governments to abuse its application. As a constituent, I do not feel trust that this bill, nor its process is being carried out in good faith and with genuine care for the Australian Jewish community. I recognise also that its passing would further erode public trust in this government.

I urge the Committee to uphold the democratic freedoms and political communication that protect and advocate for the safety of all of us.