

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

Submission No: 403

Submission By: Brianna Waterhouse

Publication: Making the submission and your name public

Hello, I am concerned with this bill due to its hurried creation and broad scope of powers that create criminal laws concerning not just defined phrases but the implication that more can be added without going through the stages of consultation and legal system processes in the future.

Free speech is implied in Australia and this bill is infringing on that right, in order to protect specific minority groups in Australia not all as would be more suitable.

The conflation of anti-Zionism with anti-semitism does not promote the social cohesion or allow for legitimate political expression from the citizens in this country.

Instead of consulting with the multiple groups affected by these overreaching laws, this bill has been rushed similar to the new federal laws, with little room for public awareness and the ability to consult with communities and receive feedback from many of the people who are invested in Australian democracy.

Regards, Brianna Waterhouse