



Speech By  
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## MOTION

### Bondi, Deaths

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.41 am): I move—

That this House:

1. expresses its profound sorrow and conveys its deepest condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of the 15 innocent people murdered by Islamic extremist terrorists at Sydney's Bondi Beach on the first night of Chanukah.
2. expresses its admiration and gratitude for the extraordinary acts of heroism performed by both first responders and members of the public.
3. condemns antisemitic hatred in all its forms, and reaffirms the fundamental right of Jewish Australians to live and worship proudly, openly and safely in our community.

Mr Speaker, 14 December 2025 will forever be remembered as one of our nation's darkest days. That evening, as families and friends gathered at Bondi to celebrate Hanukkah, an horrific and senseless attack unfolded. It was planned and deliberate. It was targeted at a specific community: our Jewish friends. It violated their fundamental right to celebrate their faith without fear. It was an act of terror driven by anti-Semitism. First responders and members of the public showed remarkable bravery, exemplifying the Australian spirit. Today we should all acknowledge the police, paramedics, health workers and innocent passers-by whose courage undoubtedly saved many more lives.

The attack has shaken the Jewish community and the country. We felt that in Queensland. Today this parliament mourns and remembers the victims. On behalf of all Queenslanders I extend our deepest sympathies to the victims, those who were injured and the families and loved ones whose lives have been forever changed by this act of violence. No words spoken in this chamber can ease their pain, but it is important we say clearly that we stand with you and we share in the grief.

Each victim was more than a name. They were sons and daughters, partners, friends, colleagues and community leaders. They will live on in the memories of their loved ones. As a nation we should not let them be forgotten either: little Matilda, named to be an Aussie, Edith Brutman, Dan Elkayam, Boris and Sofia Gurman, Alexander Kleytman, Rabbi Yaakov Levitan, Peter Meagher, Reuven Morrison, Markia Pogany, Rabbi Eli Schlanger, Adam Smyth, Boris Tetleroyd, Tania Tretiak and Tibor Weitzen—15 innocent lives callously taken.

This was a targeted, violent attack entirely based on faith. Although it happened in Bondi, the impact has been felt deeply right across the nation, including Queensland. Many have asked, 'Could this happen here?' Sadly, it is a question our Jewish community has been asking for far too long. As anti-Semitism grew across the country, fear in the Jewish community grew as well. They were sounding the alarm, warning that anti-Semitism was escalating. Too many remained silent or did not stand up. Not enough was done, and in Bondi their worst fears were realised.

For many this outcome was inevitable, but it does not make it any more comprehensible. Hatred, fear and extremism must never be allowed to fracture the values that bind us. Queensland is a diverse state. Our strength comes from this diversity. People of different backgrounds, beliefs, cultures and identities choose to live here, and we associate ourselves with your remarks, Mr Speaker. The Jewish community has been amazing contributors to Queensland for so many generations. No-one should have to second-guess their place based on faith—no-one.

My message to Queensland's Jewish community is: you matter. This is your home. We are determined to make sure you can worship, you can go to school, you can go to the shops, you can go to university without having to look over your shoulder. We stand with you. We will stand up for you against anti-Semitic behaviour. We cannot allow this terror to spread deeper into our state.

In the weeks and months following the attack we have spent time listening to the Jewish community. They have told us we must focus on delivering stronger legislation backed by real enforcement. Our Jewish friends must be free to walk amongst us without fear. Where others have failed to act or show leadership, we will send the strongest possible message that we do not tolerate anti-Semitism in our state or in our nation. We cannot afford to return to inaction and silence where words became vandalism; vandalism became violence; violence became murder. Today and every day we stand with Australia's Jewish community. We stand against hatred which has no place in our country. Today we choose light over darkness.