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FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM AND KEEPING GUNS OUT OF THE HANDS OF TERRORISTS AND CRIMINALS AMENDMENT BILL

 **Miss DOOLAN** (Pumicestone—LNP) (8.56 pm): Australia was changed forever on 14 December 2025. What should have been a moment of light, reflection and resilience for our Jewish community, a Hanukkah celebration at Bondi Beach became one of the darkest days in our nation's history. Two gunmen opened fire, 15 innocent Australians were murdered, among them a 10-year-old child, Matilda, whose life had barely begun. It was not random. It was a targeted anti-Semitic terrorist attack and we in this chamber must have the courage to call it exactly what it was. The attack did not emerge in isolation. It occurred against a deeply troubling backdrop of rising anti-Semitism, escalating hate speech and growing extremism that had been allowed to fester for way too long. What begins as vile ideas becomes hateful words. Hateful words become vandalised synagogues. Places of worship are violated and communities are intimidated. When left unchecked, words become bullets.

For years the Jewish community has been sounding the alarm. They have asked for stronger protections. They have asked for leadership. They have asked for action. Too often they were met with hesitation. The embers of anti-Semitism were allowed to burn. When hatred is tolerated, even indirectly, it grows. Leadership means acting before tragedy becomes inevitable. That is why we are here today. This bill does exactly what it says. It fights anti-Semitism and it keeps guns out of the hands of terrorists and criminals. Our response is not symbolic. It is deliberate and proportionate to the threat we now face. We are strengthening prohibitions on hate symbols because symbols are not harmless; they are used to intimidate, threaten and recruit.

We are outlawing two phrases that explicitly call for the destruction of people based on their faith. Let me be clear: freedom of speech is fundamental in our democracy, but freedom of speech does not extend to inciting violence. There is a profound difference between expressing an opinion and advocating for the destruction of a community. This bill introduces new prohibitions on expressions specifically intended to incite violence against groups in our community. The threshold is intent. We are not policing political disagreement; we are preventing violence.

In my community of Pumicestone, people want to feel safe when attending their places of worship. They want to send their children to school without fear. They want to gather, celebrate and live their faith openly. Queenslanders do not want division imported into their neighbourhoods. They want safety and that is what this bill delivers. We are modernising criminal offences relating to religious worship. We are increasing penalties and strengthening protections around places of faith. We are sending a clear message that intimidation, harassment or violence directed at people of faith will not be tolerated in Queensland. However, if we are serious about preventing acts of terrorism then we must be equally serious about access to weapons because ideology alone does not kill; weapons in the wrong hands do.

This bill introduces some of the toughest illegal firearm penalties in the nation. If you steal a firearm or ammunition you will face 14 years imprisonment, not 10. We are targeting the unlawful possession of weapons, the unlawful supply of weapons, and the trafficking, manufacture and

modification of weapons. We are cracking down on the alteration of identification marks because criminals should not be able to erase accountability. We are banning the possession of blueprints for 3D printed firearms, closing a loophole that has no place in a modern, safe Queensland.

We are strengthening firearm prohibition orders to target organised crime syndicates and high-risk individuals. We are ensuring Queensland police can consider histories of violence and firearm misuse when assessing licence suitability. We are limiting firearms licences to Australian citizens except in limited and strictly defined circumstances, and we are mandating secure steel storage, removing outdated wooden storage practices that have made theft easier.