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**FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM AND KEEPING GUNS OUT OF THE HANDS OF  
TERRORISTS AND CRIMINALS AMENDMENT BILL 2026**

 **Mr DILLON** (Gregory—LNP) (8.48 pm): Many reasons cause people from different walks of life to stand for politics—many driving factors, many life circumstances in the lead-up to that decision—but one reason for most members on this side and, I hope and trust, most members of parliament is the responsibility to keep people safe. That can be through a variety of things such as safer roads and better hospitals, but in this case the legislation we are discussing tonight is the Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill.

The title does speak to why we are here. Many speakers from this side, including ministers, have outlined the very specific provisions within this bill, but I would like to talk about the holistic combination of this and the genesis of the matter behind it. The tragedy that unfolded at Bondi was a nation-changing, sorrowful event. The response of the Queensland government, led very clearly by the Minister for Police and the Attorney-General, was to consult—to look at the root cause of what will go down forever as one of our nation's darkest days. Just like tonight's lunar eclipse, the Labor Party go through their dark introspective soul-searching as to where they really sit on protecting individuals who were directly targeted and senselessly murdered on the basis of their ethnicity and religion. They were murdered—not talked about or talked at but murdered—in cold blood on an iconic Australian beach.

This bill does talk about guns, but it does not talk about them in any way other than to keep them out of the hands of terrorists and murderers—people who murder people purely on the basis of their religion or their ethnicity. That is why this bill looks at the very specific provisions that it does. Those members opposite talking about consultation not being followed and rushed, as the member for Bonney interjected earlier, are clearly off base. Other jurisdictions rushed legislation through; this jurisdiction carefully developed the legislation through consultation with experts in government, with members of the government themselves and then through consultation in the committee phase. We have heard clearly that this response needs to be targeted to stop what happened in Bondi from happening inside Queensland borders.

We have heard all manner of noise from those opposite about what did or did not happen, but there are also provisions in this bill—some members have highlighted this, as the member for Lockyer did earlier—regarding what is commonly known as a drive-by shooting, the charge of 'reckless discharge of weapons towards a premise'. They had the opportunity to do that in a private member's bill in 2000 and I think in 2019. They have certainly had multiple opportunities but they disregarded it. They stood here calling for it in past sittings of this parliament, forgetting that they actually voted against doing the exact same thing themselves. There has not been a rush to do that by them and now we are rushing elements of their bill? The Labor Party have no integrity on this point.

**Mr Kempton** interjected.

**Mr DILLON:** They have no credibility; I take the interjection from the member for Cook. Their credibility has been shot, pardon the very bad pun in this case.

We looked at the terrorism elements of the bill and the rise in anti-Semitism that is occurring and has occurred across the country. Previous speakers have talked about things like 3D printing. We need to be—and we have been as a government—consultative and methodical in our approach, but we also need to be forward-looking. Whilst stolen firearms and stolen ammunition are certainly issues we need to address, we need to address future-looking crime and, instead of being reactive, be proactive in ensuring our laws can act as a deterrent against the possession of materials to support 3D printing.

I once again commend the Minister for Police and the Attorney-General for their work. I commend the member for Nicklin and his committee for the work they put into consulting with regard to this and taking due consideration of a large volume of matters. After discussing this tonight, hopefully we will see this bill passed. It would be wonderful to think we can, with the complete support of this House, send a clear message to those who wish to perpetrate anti-Semitic behaviour, to those who wish to misuse firearms and to those criminals and terrorists who wish to lower the quality of life of individuals by murdering, threatening and intimidating. This bill delivers on the certainty we need to display, standing in solidarity with people who, unfortunately, have been left behind. I commend them on the work they have done, just like I commend this bill to the House.