

INQUIRY INTO ANTISEMITISM IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Committee Members

I welcome the opportunity to make a submission to this critical inquiry into antisemitism in New South Wales. As a proud Aboriginal man and member of our multicultural society, I believe it is vital that we uphold the values of respect, inclusion, and community harmony that define modern Australia.

The increasing prevalence and severity of antisemitic incidents in our State is deeply concerning. Antisemitism in any form—whether expressed through hate speech, discrimination, intimidation, or violence—has no place in our society. It threatens not only the safety and dignity of the Jewish community but also the broader social cohesion we have worked so hard to build in New South Wales.

Australia's diversity is one of its greatest strengths. Our multicultural communities enrich our culture, economy, and collective identity. Therefore, it is essential that we take meaningful steps to ensure that all people, regardless of their faith or background, can live without fear and participate fully in public life.

I support introducing measures to increase awareness and understanding of antisemitism, including enhanced education in schools and universities. Programs that build intercultural understanding and foster empathy among young people are critical to creating lasting change. In this context, I would also highlight the valuable role of institutions like the Sydney Jewish Museum in Holocaust education and broader community awareness efforts.

Furthermore, I support strengthening community safety, including improved security around synagogues and stronger protections against online harassment and "doxing." No one should be targeted or made to feel unsafe because of their identity. Measures to safeguard personal information and uphold privacy are particularly important in this digital age.

Above all, I urge the Committee to consider how this inquiry can strengthen the values that bind us together as a community—mutual respect, understanding, and a shared commitment to safety and harmony for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this inquiry.