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INQUIRY INTO ANTISEMITISM IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The cause in the rise of anti semitism since October 7 is obvious to me as I'm sure it is to many Australians. It is not just because of Israel's barbaric, inhumane and in many cases illegal response to the horrific attack by Palestinian militias and civilians. It has to do with media bias in favour of Israel despite overwhelming evidence of war crimes and a government failing to attempt to uphold international law and protect Palestinian civilian life. Anyone who criticises Israel is most likely to be labeled anti semitic. Indeed the IHRA's definition of anti semitism claims that Zionism is central to Judaism. This is an obvious lie Judaism existed for 3000 years before Zionism and many Jews are not zionists and do not support Israel's genocidal war. I would argue Zionism in its current form is destroying Judaism. It is certainly making the world less safe Jews. Israel must be compelled to uphold international law and allow equal rights for Palestinians and dismantle apartheid.