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Preface

The Royal Commission is tasked with highlighting and resolving one of the worst outbreaks of Antisemitism the world has witnessed since the Holocaust. Antisemitic attacks killed more Jews in 2025 than in any year in the preceding three decades.¹ Australia has played a role in that statistic. The terrorist attack at Bondi Beach — a massacre of Jews unfathomable in a country that welcomed the second-highest population of Holocaust survivors outside Israel — did not arrive without warning.² How did one of the safest countries in the world become a place where terror and death marked Australian shores?

To answer that question, the Commission must first understand how anti-Jewish racism mutates. It is not a static form of racism. Anti-Jewish bigotry has adopted the language of each era to vilify Jews — for their religion, their race, their nationalist movement, Zionism, and their nation-state of Israel.³ The current dominant form of anti-Jewish racism is Antizionism. The Antizionist narrative is a recycled mix of Soviet disinformation and Arab nationalist propaganda in which the Soviets framed Israel as a racist, colonial outpost of American imperialism during the Cold War, and that is where the “Zionism is racism” and “Zionism is colonialism” narratives began to propagate globally.⁴ Anyone treating this narrative as a credible framework for human rights analysis is, whether they realise it or not, working from that propaganda.

¹Tel Aviv University, Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry and the Irwin Cotler Institute, *Annual Antisemitism Report 2025* (April 13, 2026). Available at: <https://english.tau.ac.il/news/antisemitism-report-2026>

²Ibid. The report documents 20 Jews murdered in four separate Antisemitic attacks across three continents in 2025 — the highest annual toll in more than three decades. Australia recorded particularly severe figures, including the Hanukkah massacre at Bondi Beach in which 15 Jews were killed, with total Antisemitic incidents rising from 472 in 2022 to 1,750 in 2025.

³Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, *The Mutation of Antisemitism* (video lecture). Available at: <https://rabbisacks.org/videos/the-mutation-of-antisemitism/>

⁴The Antizionist narrative's Soviet-era origins are documented extensively in: Izabella Tabarovsky, *Soviet Anti-Zionism and Contemporary Left Antisemitism*, *Fathom Journal* (2019); and Robert Wistrich, *A Lethal Obsession: Anti-Semitism from Antiquity to the Global Jihad* (Random House, 2010). The 1975 UN Resolution 3379 (“Zionism is Racism”), subsequently revoked in 1991, was a direct product of the Soviet-Arab lobbying bloc.

The authors of this submission provided by Minority Impact Coalition, do not believe the Commission will succeed in resolving or reducing anti-Jewish racism. The reasons are twofold.

First, the Commission has adopted conceptual frameworks that are inadequate to identify the current form of anti-Jewish racism. If we cannot name the thing — Antizionism, in its structure and its history — we cannot resolve it. No country where Antizionism has become the dominant cultural idea, the zeitgeist of the day, has ever been safe for Jews. Massacres and expulsions of Jews in 1941 Iraq, 1947 Yemen, 1956 Egypt, and 1968 Poland were all carried out in its name. Some of the oldest Jewish communities in the world have been massacred and expelled in the name of Antizionism. The zeitgeist in Australia is Antizionist, and the result is that the floodgates for neo-Nazi white supremacism, for classical Antisemitism, for anti-Judaists, and every form of anti-Jewish bigotry we thought we had pushed to the fringes are opened.

Second, the entrenchment of anti-Jewish racism is not limited to Australian public life. It is global — embedded in international bodies, non-governmental organisations (NGO), the media, and in leadership. We routinely treat institutions like the United Nations (UN) and non-governmental organisations as impartial arbiters of truth. Yet, these are political institutions made up of state representatives with their own interests, ideologies, and alignments. Of the 193 UN member states, fewer than half are liberal democracies.⁵ A significant number are aligned with authoritarian blocs structurally opposed to Western liberal values and structurally hostile to Israel by extension. When one accounts for that voting and lobbying environment, UN outcomes on Israel are not neutral findings — they are the predictable product of a politicised process that is Antizionist by nature. The same institutional capture applies across a range of NGOs. Amnesty International, for example, delayed its own report on Hamas's October 7 atrocities for over two years — with internal

⁵As of May 2026, 193 member states are represented in the UN General Assembly. Freedom House's *Freedom in the World 2025* report classifies 87 countries as "Free," representing less than 45% of member states. The structural voting dynamics of UN bodies with respect to Israel have been documented in: Anne Bayefsky, *The UN and the Jews*, Commentary (2004); and UN Watch, *Scorecard of UN General Assembly Resolutions on Israel* (annual, 2023–2025). Available at: <https://unwatch.org>

staff arguing its release risked making “Israel look better.”⁶ To treat the outputs of such organisations as neutral evidence is to mistake the conclusion for the premise.

This is the scale of the problem. False and inflammatory anti-Jewish narratives — framed in the language of foreign affairs and human rights — have become commonplace not just in Australian public discourse but across the international institutions that shape it. In Australia, that entrenchment has contributed to an environment in which harassment, intimidation, doxxing, and violence against Jews are increasingly justified, normalised, or minimized – simply because these Jews are Zionists.

What the Commission faces, then, is not a problem of isolated incidents. It is a problem of ideological entrenchment — what the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP) has described as the gradual institutional capture through which extreme false accusations against Israel and Zionism become normalised, and the Overton Window shifts until the demonisation of Jews and Israel is treated as legitimate political discourse.⁷ Slogans are not the starting point of hostility. They are milestones along a pathway of dangerous ideological entrenchment, with the likely outcome of violence.

History teaches that words precede actions, and that institutional silence carries consequences. Propaganda and lies became law once, and then institutionalised violence became policy. We should not be naive enough to believe that cannot happen again. Anti-

⁶Bari Weiss and Charles Lane, “*The Fight Inside Amnesty International Over Its Hamas Report*”, The Free Press (September 21, 2025). Available at: <https://www.thefp.com/p/the-fight-inside-amnesty-international>. Internal Amnesty emails obtained by The Free Press show staff members arguing that publishing a report on Hamas's October 7 atrocities risked making “Israel look better” and could be used to “justify ongoing genocide.” The report was finally published on December 11, 2025 — more than two years after the massacre.

⁷Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP), Submission No. 137 to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Measures to Prohibit Slogans that Incite Hatred (January 2026). Available at:

[https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ladocs/submissions/94141/Submission%20137%20-%20Institute%20for%20the%20Study%20of%20Global%20Antisemitism%20and%20Policy%20\(ISGAP\).pdf](https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ladocs/submissions/94141/Submission%20137%20-%20Institute%20for%20the%20Study%20of%20Global%20Antisemitism%20and%20Policy%20(ISGAP).pdf). ISGAP defines *tamkeen* as a process of Islamist political thought that requires ideological entrenchment through gradual institutional capture, in which it seeks power by shifting the Overton Window until more extreme positions become normalised. The term derives from the Arabic for “settlement” or “empowerment.”

Judaism preceded the Antisemitism of the Holocaust for 1,800 years — just as today, Antizionism is the contemporary form through which the same bigotry operates.

What is needed is not only policy. It is leadership — great leadership, great courage, and great voices willing to confront bad ideas and bad ideologies directly. That is what has been absent in Australia for two and a half years. The Commission has an opportunity to demonstrate it.

A note on terminology

Throughout this submission, the term 'Antisemitism' is used as the catch-all phrase for anti-Jewish racism in all its forms — religious, racial, and political. The authors recognise that the term is etymologically imprecise and has been subject to definitional contest. It is used here in its broadest and most commonly understood sense: hatred of, discrimination against, or hostility toward Jewish people as such, including the targeting of Jewish communal identity, symbols, and the Jewish state as a proxy for Jews themselves.

A note on scope

The incidents, conduct, and evidence documented in this submission represent a sample of what has been witnessed and experienced by members of the Minority Impact Coalition and the broader Jewish community. This submission does not purport to be a comprehensive account of Antisemitism in Australian public life since October 7, 2023. It is illustrative, not exhaustive. The pattern it documents is wider, deeper, and more pervasive than any single submission could capture.

Executive summary

This submission to the Royal Commission into Antisemitism and Social Cohesion documents a sustained, multi-sphere pattern of Antisemitism in Australian public life since October 7, 2023. The evidence is drawn from incidents personally witnessed or experienced by members of the Minority Impact Coalition Ltd and covers universities, licensed venues, social spaces, Antizionist protest activity, elected political representation, public discourse, and — for the first time in Australian legal history — the federal court record. The submission demonstrates that since October 7, Antizionism has been deliberately and systematically deployed as a vehicle for conduct targeting Jewish people as such — their symbols, their communal identity, their right to gather, and their standing as citizens.

It documents where Antizionism is targeted harassment of Jews, by whom, in which institutions, and with what consequences for Jewish Australians.

At the opening of this Royal Commission, Senior Counsel Assisting Richard Lancaster SC stated that a key task of the inquiry is to identify when Antizionism becomes Antisemitism. This submission provides documented answers to that question across every major sphere of Australian life.

The evidence spans: on-camera statements at a major Australian university endorsing Hamas and justifying unlimited Jewish civilian deaths; a coordinated campaign to exclude a Jewish community organisation from a queer venue, complete with monitored exits and terrorist chants; venue house rules listing Zionism as a prohibited form of bigotry alongside racism and transphobia; protest signage calling for death to Australia and to the Jewish state displayed weeks after 15 Jewish Australians were murdered; elected Members of Parliament reproducing classical Antisemitic tropes in parliament and on official platforms; the deployment of public parliamentary resources at events featuring Holocaust inversion and intifada incitement; and the casual, institution-wide use of the 'Jewish lobby' trope — documented across sworn affidavits from Australia's national broadcaster's most senior executives — now embedded in the Federal Court record. In each case, the institutional response has been silence.

The foundation: October 7 and its Australian aftermath

On 7 October 2023, Hamas — whose leaders stated the attack was intended as the beginning of the eradication of Israel and its people — carried out the largest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust. Approximately 1,200 Israelis, the majority civilians, were murdered. Two hundred and fifty were taken hostage. Atrocities included mass sexual violence, families burned alive, and the deliberate targeting of a music festival.

Within two days, before Israel had launched any military response, crowds at the Sydney Town Hall and the Opera House were already chanting genocide accusations against Israel. The genocide libel — the accusation that Israel is committing genocide — was not a considered response to events. It was prescribed propaganda deployed while the Hamas massacre was still in its aftermath. It has since been weaponised across every sphere documented in this submission to justify the targeting, exclusion, and harassment of Jewish Australians.

The genocide accusation is addressed in the supplementary section, which includes the on-record correction by the then President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Judge Joan Donoghue, that the ICJ did not find a plausible case of genocide — contrary to what has been repeatedly asserted in Australian parliament and at protest events. Expert legal and military analysis is also provided.

On 14 December 2025, 15 Jewish Australians were murdered at a Chanukah celebration at Bondi Beach by ISIS-inspired attackers who had left a video condemning Zionists. A protest held in Brisbane in the days following displayed not one sign mourning the dead. The signs it did display included ‘Death to America, Australia and the Zionist Entity,’ ‘Globalise the Intifada,’ ‘Zionism is Terrorism,’ and ‘Zionism is a Death Cult.’ A copy of Solidarity magazine (by the Socialist Alliance) was distributed at the protest with the cover headline ‘Globalise the Intifada’ and a sidebar describing the Bondi massacre as ‘How Israel’s war crimes brand terrorism.’

The evidence: anti-Jewish racism in the spheres of Australian life

Universities

At the University of Queensland, participants in a pro-Palestinian encampment made on-camera statements to a student journalist that included: explicit personal endorsement of membership in Hamas, a proscribed terrorist organisation under Australian law; denial that Hamas killed any civilians on October 7 (a factually false claim); justification of hostage-taking including of children; acceptance of unlimited Israeli civilian deaths as necessary for liberation; proposal that Israeli society requires 'denazification'; and the assertion that every Israeli civilian is guilty of colonialism and that Hamas killing them is 'justified.' A PFLP flag — the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a designated terrorist organisation — was flown at the camp. A Greens candidate hosted a poetry event at the camp with a stated exclusion of Zionists. When UQ's vice-chancellor called for disbandment, the Jewish counter-camp (Camp Shalom) immediately complied. The pro-Palestinian encampment refused and escalated

Finding: The University of Queensland took no substantive disciplinary action against participants who made on-camera statements endorsing a proscribed terrorist organisation and justifying unlimited Jewish civilian deaths. There was a similar institutional pattern across other state universities. That institutional non-response is itself evidence before this Commission.

Licensed venues and social spaces

A Brisbane venue operating within the LGBTQ+ community published formal written house rules listing 'Zionism' as a prohibited form of conduct alongside racism, sexism, transphobia, homophobia, ableism, and fatphobia — while simultaneously listing 'Antisemitism' as also prohibited. The juxtaposition is not a mitigating factor; it is an internally contradictory policy that bans Jewish communal identity while purporting to protect Jewish people. Jewish patrons who identify as Zionist — the majority of Jewish Australians — are subject to removal from these venues on the grounds of their communal identity. This is not a statement of political opinion. It is an operational exclusion policy. It engages the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth).

Finding: The codification of Jewish identity as a form of bigotry in formal venue policy represents a new threshold: Antisemitism institutionalised in writing, in public, without regulatory consequence.

The targeting of a private Jewish community event

On 31 May 2025, the State Zionist Council of Queensland held a lawful private function at The Wickham Hotel in Brisbane. What followed was a coordinated campaign: workers refused to serve the event; a snap protest of 150 people was organised outside; the protest featured a blood-spattered Star of David in its social media graphics; protesters chanted 'All Zionists are terrorists' and 'Intifada, intifada' at Jewish community members attending a private function; exit routes were actively monitored and 'covered' to intercept attendees leaving; and mobilisation posts used deliberate phonetic substitution ('Z10s' for 'Zionists') to evade content moderation while issuing targeting instructions. The Star Observer's coverage described the chanting as 'No Pride In Genocide.' The video evidence documents that chanting went materially further. The declaration 'We do not welcome Zionism in queer spaces' — Zionism being the mainstream of Jewish communal identity — is an explicit exclusion of Jews from a civic space with no equivalent standard applied to any other group.

Finding: No arrests were made and no charges were laid. The monitoring of Jewish community members' exits at a private function, combined with terrorist chants directed at them, constitutes targeted harassment. The institutional non-response to this conduct is a failure of the duty to protect Jewish Australians.

Elected political representatives amplifying anti-Jewish racism

The Labor and Greens dossiers document a pattern of conduct by elected Members of Parliament that has reproduced and amplified classical Antisemitic tropes in Australian public life. The Labor dossier documents: Bob Carr (former Senator and NSW Premier) using the phrase 'Jewish Lobby' at least ten times in a widely viewed interview to characterise the Jewish community as a covert foreign influence operation — direct lineage from the Protocols of the Elders of Zion and Nazi propaganda; Stephen Lawrence MLC presenting a fabricated death toll of 680,000 Gazan civilians (ten times the UN figure, itself supplied by Hamas) as parliamentary fact; Ed Husic MP framing Israel as morally worse than Hamas on the second anniversary of October 7; Jihad Dib MP publishing a photograph of himself wearing a shirt depicting all of Israel replaced by Palestine on official parliamentary social media; and Anthony D'Adam MLC publishing 100 posts promoting false antizionist content over two years, including imagery posed beneath a

portrait of the Ayatollah Khamenei. The Greens dossier documents: Senator Mehreen Faruqi photographed alongside uniformed schoolchildren holding a sign depicting a Star of David in a rubbish bin above the words 'Keep the World Clean'; a Greens MP spouse describing October 7 as 'heroism' on the day of the massacre (352 reposts, 4,100 likes); Michael Berkman MP speaking at a rally calling for the arrest of the Israeli President during a state visit post-Bondi; and Elizabeth Watson-Brown MP's official parliamentary marquee displaying signs reading 'Zionist Israel = Nazi Germany' — a publicly funded display of Holocaust inversion.

Finding: In each case, no parliamentary discipline or party disavowal followed. The signal that conduct is within acceptable bounds is itself an institutional failure. The deployment of official parliamentary resources to advance movements that produce Holocaust inversion – which is Antisemitism as defined by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition - raises direct questions about public accountability.

The Antizionist protest movement

Pro-Palestinian movement characterises itself as Antizionist. It is vital to outline what this means in reality. Antizionist protests across Australia have featured documented signage including: 'Zionism is a Death Cult'; 'Zionism is Terrorism'; 'Nothing is More Antisemitic Than Zionism'; 'Death to America, Australia and the Zionist Entity'; 'Globalise the Intifada'; and 'Never Again Means Never Again 4 Everyone' — the last appropriating the foundational post-Holocaust commitment against genocide and turning it against Jewish self-determination. A Brisbane protest held in the immediate aftermath of the Bondi massacre displayed not one sign mourning the 15 Jewish Australians murdered. An Isaac Herzog caricature with distorted facial features above the words 'War Criminal' — a documented Antisemitic visual convention with Nazi-era lineage — was displayed at the same protest.

Finding: This movement has operated in Australian public spaces for more than two years with minimal institutional response. The absence of consequence has communicated that slogans calling for death to Australia, Holocaust inversion imagery, and collective criminalisation of Jews are within the acceptable range of Australian public expression. It says, that this movement has nothing to do with freedom for Palestinians, and everything to do with dehumanisation and delegitimation of Jews and Israel.

Causal Antisemitism in the federal court: Lattouf v ABC

The Federal Court proceedings in *Lattouf v Australian Broadcasting Corporation* (NSD189 of 2024, decided 25 June 2025) produced sworn affidavits, internal emails, and contemporaneous records from the ABC's most senior executives. What those documents reveal is that the Antisemitic trope of 'the Jewish lobby' was used casually, repeatedly, and without apparent discomfort by ABC staff and management at every level of the organisation — to describe several dozen Jewish Australians who wrote individual emails to a public broadcaster exercising their democratic right to complain. Those complaints constituted approximately 0.002 per cent of the roughly 25,000 complaints received by the ABC that year. That is not a lobby in any political-science, legal, or common usage of the word.

The 'Jewish lobby' trope does not describe a lobby. It describes Jews and does so in the language of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. This submission does not concern the merits of the Lattouf termination. It concerns what the litigation exposed: institutional Antisemitism at a publicly funded national broadcaster, evidenced under oath.

***Finding:** The ABC's casual, institution-wide use of the 'Jewish lobby' trope — to describe Jewish citizens exercising a democratic right — is Antisemitism documented in a federal court record.*

When Antizionism becomes Antisemitism

Senior Counsel Assisting Richard Lancaster SC stated at the opening of this Royal Commission that identifying when Antizionism becomes Antisemitism is a key task of the inquiry. If we are to take Antisemitism as the catch-all phrase for Jew hatred and bigotry, then this submission provides a direct answer, Antizionism is anti-Jewish bigotry. Drawn from the documented evidence:

1. **It becomes Antisemitism when** Antizionism is used to hold a diaspora Jewish community collectively responsible for Israeli military policy, as occurred at the Wickham incident and in the Labor and Greens parliamentary conduct documented here.
2. **It becomes Antisemitism when** Antizionism requires Jewish people to disavow their communal identity as a condition of civic participation — as in the Echo & Bounce house rules listing 'Zionism' as equivalent to racism.
3. **It becomes Antisemitism when** Antizionist framing is used to deny, minimise, or justify atrocities against Jewish people — as in the UQ encampment's denial that Hamas killed any civilians on October 7, and the protest movement's celebration of October 7 as heroism.
4. **It becomes Antisemitism when** Antizionist imagery deploys Jewish symbols — the Star of David — as a vehicle for blood imagery or contamination tropes.
5. **It becomes Antisemitism when** the genocide libel — the Blood Libel in its contemporary form — is presented as parliamentary fact using fabricated figures, as documented in the Stephen Lawrence exhibit.
6. **It becomes Antisemitism when** the language of Antizionism is used to call for the elimination of the Jewish state across its entire territory, the mass displacement of seven million Jewish people, the 'denazification' of Israeli society, or the branding of Jewish self-determination as hate speech.

“If Antizionism and Antisemitism were a Venn diagram of anti-Jewish bigotry, in every documented instance in this submission, one would see a single circle.” – Hava Mendelle, Director Minority Impact Coalition Ltd.

The institutional failure to confront anti-Jewish racism

The single most important finding across every sphere documented in this submission is not the conduct itself. It is the absence of consequence.

This is not a community experiencing isolated incidents of prejudice. It is a community being systematically pushed out of public life — from universities, venues, protests, and parliamentary representation — by a movement that has successfully reframed Antisemitism as pseudo-political critique and Jewish communal identity as bigotry. That reframing has been enabled, at every turn, by institutional silence.

Recommendations

1. Adopt and apply the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism.

The Australian Government and all state and territory governments should formally adopt the IHRA definition as the operative standard for identifying Antisemitism across government, publicly funded institutions, universities, and regulatory bodies. Without a shared operative definition, institutional identification of Antisemitism is structurally impossible.

2. Commission education programs on the Antizionism-Antisemitism relationship.

National curriculum authorities and tertiary education bodies should develop and implement educational content addressing the history of Antisemitism in its contemporary antizionist form, with particular attention to false genocide narratives, blood libel in its modern form, and the mechanism by which Jewish identity is delegitimised through political language.

3. Establish enforceable standards for publicly funded institutions.

Universities, cultural organisations, trade unions, and government-funded bodies that have endorsed or amplified antizionist conduct meeting the IHRA definition should face enforceable consequences, including conditions on public funding. Institutional silence in the face of documented Antisemitic conduct should itself be considered a failure of duty of care.

4. Regulate the conduct of elected officials.

The Commission should recommend a clear parliamentary standard making explicit that elected officials who publicly promote statements meeting the IHRA definition, or who operate official parliamentary resources at events featuring such content, are in breach of their duty to all constituents. Appropriate oversight and accountability mechanisms should be established.

5. Mandate venue and event operator obligations.

Licensed venues and event organisers that implement exclusion policies targeting Jewish Australians on the basis of communal identity should be subject to enforceable anti-

discrimination obligations under the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), with clear regulatory guidance issued to venue licensing bodies.

6. Strengthen online platform accountability.

The Commission should recommend that the Australian Government extend and strengthen the Online Safety Act to require platforms to treat antizionist content meeting the IHRA definition with the same moderation obligations as other forms of racial and religious hatred. The documented use of coded substitution language (Z10s) to evade automated moderation while issuing targeting instructions warrants specific regulatory attention.

7. Review parliamentary access for individuals who have made credible threats against Jewish Australians.

Where individuals with parliamentary access have made statements constituting incitement or credible threats against identifiable groups — including threats that Zionists will be hunted and chased — the Commission should recommend that such access be reviewed and, where appropriate, withdrawn.

8. Commission an independent investigation into institutional Antisemitism at the ABC.

The Commission should recommend an independent external investigation into the ABC's institutional culture with respect to Antisemitism, and into its compliance with the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth) in its treatment of Jewish Australians who exercised their democratic right to complain.

The Minority Impact Coalition is a volunteer-led organisation. This submission represents the hours of community members who believe very much in Australia and what it stands for — and what it must stand against. Should the Commission require additional evidence, please contact us.

October 7 and its aftermath

Why the Royal Commission must understand what happened on October 7

Australian context

For more than two years, Australian Jews have carried heavy hearts knowing the horrific atrocities carried out on 7 October 2023 by Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad — slaughter, torture, rape including of children, families burned alive, people beheaded or dismembered while still living.

While we have carried this grief, and endured sleepless nights over the hostages held in Gaza until those who were not murdered in captivity were returned, we have watched tens of thousands of Australians march in the streets celebrating these atrocities. Public figures have supported it, championed it, defended it — all while accusing us of the slur of genocide: the 21st century blood libel against Jews.

It is important for the Royal Commission to understand what happened on October 7 so that it understands just how heinous it is for Jews to have been forced to watch fellow Australians celebrating this — including at the Sydney Opera House on 9 October 2023, while the massacre was still in its immediate aftermath.

Why the Royal Commission must engage with October 7

On 9 October 2023 — two days after the massacre, before Israel had launched any military response — crowds at the Sydney Town Hall and Opera House were already chanting genocide accusations against Israel. The celebration of October 7 atrocities by Australians, and the simultaneous deployment of the genocide libel against the victims, is not incidental context to this Royal Commission. It is the central mechanism by which Antisemitism has operated in Australia since October 2023.

The evidence dossiers submitted to this Commission document politicians, students, protesters, and venue operators who have endorsed, justified, or celebrated October 7 and its perpetrators — while simultaneously accusing the Jewish victims and their community of genocide. The Royal Commission cannot assess the Antisemitism documented in those dossiers without understanding what it is that has been endorsed, justified, and celebrated.

To that end, this submission provides links to the primary documentary record of October 7, including the UK Parliament’s independent commission of inquiry chaired by historian Lord Roberts of Belgravia, primary footage archives, and evidentiary resources.

⚠ CONTENT WARNING: The video links below contain extremely disturbing footage of violence, murder, torture, and sexual assault. They include footage filmed by Hamas perpetrators themselves during the October 7 attacks. Because of the extreme violence involved and in deference to the dignity of those killed, this footage was not widely disseminated by the Israeli government or Jewish communities. It has been preserved as a historic record. Commissioners and counsel are advised of its nature before accessing these links.

Part 1: October 7 UK parliamentary records

UK Parliament October 7 Commission — Chaired by Lord Roberts of Belgravia

The United Kingdom Parliament's independent commission of inquiry into the October 7 attacks, chaired by historian Lord Roberts of Belgravia. The commission conducted extensive hearings and produced a comprehensive record of the events of October 7, the nature of the atrocities committed, and their context. This is the primary parliamentary documentary record submitted for the Royal Commission's consideration.

Site: <https://www.7octparliamentarycommission.co.uk/>

Part 2: October 7 primary documentation and footage archives

The following links provide access to primary documentation of the October 7 attacks, including footage filmed by Hamas perpetrators, survivor testimony, and evidentiary archives compiled for historical and legal purposes.

October 7th Attack: Primary Archive

Comprehensive archive of primary documentation, testimony, and evidentiary material relating to the October 7 attacks.

<https://www.october7thattack.com/>

October 7 Interactive Documentation

Interactive documentation resource compiling primary evidence of the October 7 attacks.

<https://oct7.treedis.com/>

Telegram Archive: October 7 Massacre Documentation

Archive of footage and documentation from the October 7 attacks. Contains extremely disturbing content — see content warning above.

<https://t.me/Oct7thMassacre>

Telegram Archive: The Slaughter (7/10)

Archive of footage and documentation from the October 7 attacks. Contains extremely disturbing content — see content warning above.

https://t.me/the_slaughter710

X (Twitter) MorEdge Insight: October 7 Documentation

Documented footage and analysis of the October 7 attacks.

https://x.com/MorEdge_Insight/status/2042952723427934535?s=20

The cost of Antisemitism

The Royal Commission into Antisemitism and Social Cohesion was established in the context of a sustained two-year period in which Australian Jews have been required to grieve the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust while watching fellow Australians celebrate it, politicians defend it, and the perpetrators' rhetoric — the genocide libel — be repeated on parliamentary floors and university campuses.

The question before the Royal Commission is not only what Antisemitism looks like in Australia. It is what it costs. The evidence submitted in this and the accompanying dossiers documents that cost in detail: the intimidation, the exclusion, the erasure, the institutional tolerance, and the political endorsement of a movement whose founding act — October 7 — was the mass murder of Jewish people.

We submit this material so that the Royal Commission understands, with the full weight of the primary record, what it is that Australians have been celebrating — and what that celebration has meant for Jewish Australians who have been forced to witness it.

The genocide libel against Israel

Why the genocide accusation is an unfounded Antisemitic blood libel

Expert sources, legal analysis, and the ICJ record submitted for the consideration of the Royal Commission

Introduction

On 7 October 2023, a genocidal terrorist organisation — Hamas which stands for the Islamic Resistance Movement — carried out an attack which its leaders stated would be the beginning of the eradication of Israel and its people. By their own admission, it was planned as an act of genocide, meeting the intent requirement under the Genocide Convention.

By 9 October 2023 — two days after the massacre, while Israel was still fighting Hamas terrorists on its own territory and before any military response had been launched — organisers at the Sydney Town Hall and Opera House were already leading crowds in chants accusing Israel of genocide. That alone should raise questions in the minds of any reasonable person as to whether the genocide libel was prescribed propaganda. It began while the October 7 massacre was still in its aftermath, before a single Israeli soldier had entered Gaza.

Given that the genocide blood libel has been used to besmirch Jews in Australia and has been weaponised by antisemites — as documented in the evidence dossiers submitted to this Commission — it is important for Royal Commissioner Virginia Bell and Senior Counsel Assisting Richard Lancaster SC to understand why these genocide accusations are unfounded Antisemitic blood libels.

This section is provided for additional context and includes expert sources, legal analysis, and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) record to assist the Commission in that assessment.

Part 1: the ICJ Record - what the court actually decided

A significant body of public commentary has asserted that the ICJ determined there was a plausible case of genocide by Israel against Palestinians. This is factually incorrect, and the then-President of the ICJ has said so directly on the record.

The mischaracterisation of the ICJ order has been one of the most consequential pieces of misinformation in the genocide libel campaign. It has been repeated by elected officials in Australian parliaments.

Judge Joan Donoghue — BBC Hardtalk, 25 April 2024

In an interview with Stephen Sackur on the BBC's Hardtalk programme on 25 April 2024, Judge Joan Donoghue — President of the ICJ at the time of the January 2024 Order — directly corrected the widespread media mischaracterisation of what the Court decided.

Video: <https://youtu.be/T44DebmlvNs?si=uOkGJKrlitKMKHH3>

Sackur: *“Would it be fair to say — and I am no lawyer and many people listening will not be lawyers — but would it be fair that the key point that you made your initial order and ruling upon was whether or not there was a plausible case that should be taken on by the Court of genocide in the case of Israel's actions in Gaza after October 7, and you quite clearly decided that there was a plausible case? Is it right to say that's at the heart of what you decided?”*

Judge Donoghue: *“You know, I'm glad I have a chance to address that because the Court's test for deciding whether to impose [provisional] measures uses the idea of plausibility, but the test is the plausibility of the rights that are asserted by the applicant, in this case South Africa. So the court decided that the Palestinians had a plausible right to be protected from genocide and that South Africa had the right to present that claim in the court. It then looked at the facts as well, but it did not decide — and this is something where I'm correcting what's often said in the media — it didn't decide that the claim of genocide was plausible. It did emphasize in the Order that there was a risk of irreparable harm to the Palestinian right to be protected from genocide but the shorthand that often appears, which is that there's a plausible case of genocide, isn't what the court decided.”*

The shorthand that often appears — which is that there's a plausible case of genocide — isn't what the court decided. — Judge Joan Donoghue, President of the ICJ, BBC Hardtalk, 25 April 2024

Part 2: the Vice-President of the ICJ

The correction offered by Judge Donoghue is not the only constraint on the genocide narrative that emerges from the ICJ record itself. Vice-President Julia Sebutinde — an African jurist, and the Court's second most senior member — dissented from the provisional measures orders, concluding that the case did not meet the threshold to justify the Court's intervention and that the measures indicated amounted to an overreach incompatible with Israel's right to defend itself.

Her dissenting opinion is part of the permanent ICJ record: <https://www.icj-cij.org/node/204092>

Sebutinde's dissent is significant for this Commission for two reasons. First, it establishes that the ICJ was not unanimous — and that its most senior dissenting voice concluded the case should not have proceeded as it did. Second, and more directly relevant to the genocide libel deployed in Australian public life, Sebutinde addresses the factual and legal basis of the genocide accusation directly — and rejects it.

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On Israel's broader security context, which the majority order largely omitted, Sebutinde observed that Israel had faced attacks on multiple fronts since October 7 including from Hamas in Gaza, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah in the north, Houthi missile strikes

from Yemen, and a large-scale Iranian drone and missile attack in April 2024. She wrote that these threats collectively posed a significant risk to Israel and its citizens, and that "neither international law in general nor the Genocide Convention in particular" deprived Israel of the right to take necessary and proportionate action in response. In her assessment, had the Court properly accounted for this context, it would have arrived at a result that left Israel's right of self-defence unimpaired.

On the question of genocidal intent — the legal heart of the genocide accusation — Sebutinde was direct. She noted that Israel had throughout the conflict warned Palestinian civilians of upcoming operations and repeatedly requested evacuations from areas of active fighting. Her conclusion: such conduct "is inconsistent with the intent to destroy the group in question."

She was equally direct on the humanitarian framing that has animated the genocide accusation in Australian public discourse: "War inevitably, and tragically, affects the lives of civilians. But this does not make Israel's war against Hamas inherently illegitimate or unlawful and nor does it transform it into an act of genocide."

The Vice-President of the International Court of Justice — the Court's second most senior member — concluded that Israel's conduct was inconsistent with genocidal intent, that the Genocide Convention did not strip Israel of its right of self-defence, and that the provisional measures indicated by the majority amounted to an overreach. That finding, from within the Court itself, sits alongside Judge Donoghue's direct correction of the media mischaracterisation.

Together they establish that the ICJ record, properly read, does not support the genocide accusation — and that the version of that record deployed in Australian parliaments, on Australian campuses, and at Australian protest events bears no resemblance to what the Court actually decided.

Part 3: expert sources on the genocide claims

The following peer-reviewed papers, expert analyses, and institutional publications are submitted for the consideration of the Royal Commission. Together they address: the legal definition of genocide and why Israel's military operations do not meet it; the reliability

of Gaza casualty figures; Hamas's human shield strategy; and the broader question of how the genocide narrative was constructed and disseminated.

Primary References

BESA Center (Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies) — Genocide Claims Paper

<https://besacenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/213-2.9.2025.pdf>

Henry Jackson Society Publications

1. Tactical Lessons from Gaza

<https://henryjacksonsociety.org/publications/tactical-lessons-from-gaza/>

2. Tactical Lessons from Gaza — Full PDF

<https://henryjacksonsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/HJS-Tactical-Lessons-from-Gaza-Report-web.pdf>

3. Questionable Counting — Gaza Death Toll

<https://henryjacksonsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/HJS-Questionable-Counting-Hamas-Report-web-v2.pdf>

4. Hamas's Human Shield Strategy in Gaza

<https://henryjacksonsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/HJS-Hamass-Human-Shield-Strategy-in-Gaza-Report-WEB.pdf>

5. Andrew Fox responds to claims that the IDF are failing in Gaza

<https://henryjacksonsociety.org/media-centre/andrew-fox-responds-to-claims-that-the-idf-are-failing-in-their-mission-to-remove-hamas-from-gaza/>

6. Andrew Fox analyses Israel's new Gaza strategy

<https://henryjacksonsociety.org/media-centre/andrew-fox-analyses-israels-new-gaza-strategy/>

7. Online Event — Gaza: The Truth About Aid

<https://henryjacksonsociety.org/event/online-event-gaza-the-truth-about-aid/>

Jerusalem Post

8. The war in Gaza was modern urban war, not genocide

<https://www.jpost.com/jerusalem-report/article-883091>

9. Israel is not committing genocide

<https://www.jpost.com/opinion/article-866434>

10. New study debunks Gaza genocide claims

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-866183>

Academic and Policy Institutions

11. Rethinking the Narrative — Bar-Ilan University

<https://www.biu.ac.il/en/article/583667>

12. Disinformation Wars: How Hamas Has Shaped the Gaza Narrative — American Foreign Policy Council

<https://www.afpc.org/news/media/disinformation-wars-51-how-hamas-has-shaped-the-gaza-narrative>

13. John Spencer Archive — Modern War Institute, West Point

<https://mwi.westpoint.edu/author/john-spencer/>

14. Urban Warfare Project

<https://urban-warfare.com/>

15. Israel and Palestinians — Washington Institute for Near East Policy

<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/israel-and-palestinians>

16. Israel — Foundation for Defense of Democracies

<https://www.fdd.org/issues/israel/>

17. Gaza Analysis — Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)

<https://jinsa.org/tag/gaza/>

18. Israel & Middle East — Hudson Institute

<https://www.hudson.org/foreign-policy/israel-middle-east>

Legal Analysis

19. UN Watch — Legal Rebuttal: Analysis of Pillay Commission September 2025 Report to the Human Rights Council

<https://unwatch.org/un-watch-rebuttal-legal-analysis-of-pillay-commissions-september-2025-report-to-human-rights-council/>

Media and On-the-Ground Reporting

20. Debunking the Gaza Genocide Hoax — Podcast

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/161-debunking-the-gaza-genocide-hoax/id1585331797?i=1000680760777>

21. 5 Observations from the Ground in Gaza — Christian Post

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/5-observations-on-the-ground-in-gaza.html>

Closing Note

The genocide libel — the accusation that Israel is committing genocide — is not a good-faith legal or factual dispute. It is, as the evidence dossiers submitted to this Commission document, a propaganda instrument deployed before Israel had launched a military response, sustained through fabricated casualty figures, and weaponised by elected officials, protest organisers, and venue operators to justify the exclusion, harassment, and intimidation of Jewish Australians.

The sources compiled in this supplementary submission are provided to assist the Royal Commission in understanding the factual and legal basis on which the genocide accusation fails — and therefore the mechanism by which it functions as a contemporary form of the blood libel: a charge against Jews designed not to be proven but to be believed.

The genocide libel justifies doing to Israel what the Allies did to the Nazis. It trivialises the Holocaust, absolving Europeans of residual guilt. It banalises the actual genocidal behaviour of Islamist countries. It redefines normal military practices as illegitimate, making self-defence impossible.
— Allister Heath, *The Sunday Telegraph*, 6 May 2026

Evidence Dossier - Australian Labor Party: a pattern of conduct

**Elected representatives, Antisemitic tropes, classical blood libels,
and the parliamentary amplification of hatred against Jews**

Overview

This dossier documents a pattern of conduct by elected representatives of the Australian Labor Party — at federal and state level — that has reproduced and amplified classical Antisemitic tropes in Australian public life. These are elected officials whose statements carry the weight of parliamentary authority and whose conduct shapes what is regarded as acceptable political speech.

The tropes documented here are not new. They are among the oldest and most documented forms of Antisemitism in history — the Hidden Hand, the Blood Libel, eliminationism, and Holocaust inversion — recurring in contemporary political language on the platforms of sitting Labor members of parliament.

EXHIBIT 1: Bob Carr (former Senator & NSW Premier) - the Jewish/Israel/Zionist lobby trope

Bob Carr 2025



Neo Nazi Group 2025



Trope Classification: The Hidden Hand / Jewish Lobby — Jews as a secret, disproportionately powerful force controlling governments against the national interest. Direct lineage from the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

1(a) The Statement

In an interview for the One Path Network, Bob Carr, former state premier and senator, stated that 'The Israel Jewish lobby in Australia' is a 'foreign influence operation,' designed to put the interests of Israel above the interests of Australia. He stated: 'No one else has an operation so well funded... No one else organises donations to attempt to elevate its influence in the way the Jewish lobby does in Australia.' Carr made the statement "Jewish Lobby" at least 10 times in this interview, which has hundreds of thousands of views.

1(b) The Trope and Its Lineage

The 'Jewish Lobby' framing recasts the Jewish community as an internal threat rather than a minority engaging democratically in civil society. It is the same structural claim that animated Nazi propaganda about Jewish financial and political control, and

contemporary far-right movements. It directly produces the following derivative slogans documented at Australian protests:

"Reject Zionist Agenda"

"Killing the World — Zionist Empire"

"Abolish the Jewish Lobby" — near-identical language to documented Neo-Nazi material



Analyst Note: The IHRA Working Definition includes 'making mendacious, dehumanizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective' as a contemporary example of Antisemitism. Carr's interview is a case study — delivered by a former Foreign Minister, on a platform with hundreds of thousands of views, with no rebuttal or discipline from the ALP.

References:

Bob Carr – former Labor senator and NSW premier: Interview published on One Path Network social media: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1K6sXZqRun/>

Carr Under Fire Over Jewish Lobby Remarks:

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/margin-call/former-nsw-premier-and-foreign-minister-bob-carr-under-fire-over-jewish-lobby-remarks/news-story/4e2890ba0d49320cfba41f2fe35ff8bb>

EXHIBIT 2: Stephen Lawrence MLC (NSW Legislative Council) - the modern blood libel



Trope Classification: The blood libel — the false narrative that the Jewish state deliberately targets civilians disproportionately. Direct lineage from the medieval blood libel falsely accusing Jews of ritual murder, or the plague, and other misfortunes of the time.

2(a) The Statement

On 17 September 2025, Lawrence stated in the NSW Legislative Council that 'Israel is committing genocide,' citing a supposed UN report and claiming a death toll of '680,000 Gazans according to a new study.' The claim was also promoted on his official social media.

2(b) Why the Claim is False

The figure of 680,000 deaths does not appear in any UN report or peer-reviewed study.

It is approximately 10 times the official UN figure, which was itself supplied by Hamas and included natural deaths and combatant fatalities.

The Lancet has published correspondence rebutting the methodology used to generate such inflated projections.

2(c) The Trope and Its Lineage

The medieval Blood Libel accused Jews of the ritual murder of Christian children. The charge was never true — its function was to cast Jews as deliberate killers of innocents and thereby justify persecution. The modern form operates identically. The figure 680,000 is not a measured casualty count; it is an accusatory instrument. When an elected official presents it as parliamentary fact, they are performing the structural function of the Blood Libel in a contemporary register.

References:

MLC Lawrence — Facebook post promoting false parliament claim —

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=810676614746233>

The Lancet — correspondence and rebuttal —

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(24\)01683-0/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(24)01683-0/fulltext)

The Genocide Libel — Norman J. W. Goda, Indiana University —

<https://isca.indiana.edu/publication-research/publication-research-paper-series/norman-jw-goda-research-paper.html>

EXHIBIT 3: Ed Husic MP (House of Representatives) - Holocaust inversion and collective criminal guilt



Husic places no blame on Hamas for the war in Gaza and uses a **false moral equivalence**, as if Israel and Hamas are the same.

This then leads to framing of Israel as terrorists, criminals, or nazis, reinforcing **false ethnic cleansing narratives**.



Holocaust inversion



Zionism equated as criminal

Trope Classification: Holocaust Inversion — Attributing Nazi-equivalent conduct to Israel and Jews; assigning collective criminal guilt for mass murder to Jewish people, erasing Jewish victimhood and inverting the historical record.

3(a) The Statement

On the second anniversary of the October 7 Hamas attacks, Ed Husic publicly contrasted '1,200 killed on October 7, 2023' with '67,000 killed ever since,' framing Israel's response as not merely comparable to, but worse than, Hamas – a terrorist organisation that kills indiscriminately. He further asserted Israel routinely engages in indiscriminate killing — a claim not supported by verified casualty data or authoritative findings.

3(b) The False Moral Equivalence

Husic portrays the Jewish state as morally worse than a designated terrorist organisation

No blame is assigned to Hamas for the war in Gaza despite Hamas rejecting ceasefires and not releasing the Israeli hostages

Genocide framing assigns collective criminal guilt with claims of unverified indiscriminate killing.

This is Holocaust inversion identified by the IHRA definition as Antisemitism. This is its contemporary parliamentary form.

References:

Ed Husic — Facebook post, 7 October 2025 —

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17YMJd2Udp/>

Cambridge University Press — Hamas, October 7th, genocide legal analysis —

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/israel-law-review/article/hamas-october-7th-genocide-legal-analysis>

EXHIBIT 4: Jihad Dib MP (NSW Legislative Assembly, Member for Bankstown) - eliminationism and the erasure of Jewish statehood



Map of Israel instead labelled as Palestine

Trope Classification: Eliminationism / Jewish State Denial — The visual and rhetorical erasure of Israel; replacing Jewish national self-determination with 'Palestine' across the entire territory, denying Jewish peoplehood.

4(a) The Statements

On 16 April 2022, Dib published a post on his official Facebook page titled 'No words needed,' with a photograph of himself wearing a shirt depicting the entire territory of Israel replaced by 'Palestine,' labelled in both English and Arabic. On his official Instagram account in February and March 2024, he stated as fact that Israel is conducting 'indiscriminate' bombing and killing, without reference to verified evidence.

4(b) The Eliminationist Logic

A map replacing all of Israel with 'Palestine' is not a statement about borders — it is a visual argument for the elimination of the Jewish state.

Reinforces narratives that portray Jewish self-determination as illegitimate and criminal.

The IHRA Working Definition identifies 'denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination' as Antisemitism. A map depicting Israel replaced entirely by Palestine — worn by a sitting MP and published on official parliamentary social media — is not ambiguous political commentary. It is a visual denial of Jewish self-determination on a public parliamentary platform.

References:

Jihad Dib — Instagram (official account) — https://www.instagram.com/jihaddib_mp

Jihad Dib — Facebook post, 16 April 2022 — <https://www.facebook.com/JihadDibBankstown/posts/pfbid0v2ceAJrdCwkAqPH8zE>

EXHIBIT 5: Anthony D'Adam MLC (NSW Legislative Council) - sustained amplification of Antisemitic tropes

Trope Classification: Compounded Tropes: Holocaust Inversion + Eliminationism + Blood Libel — A sustained, systematic campaign amplifying the full spectrum of classical Antisemitic accusations across 100+ posts over two years.

5(a) The Pattern of Conduct

Between 7 October 2023 and 6 January 2026, D'Adam's official Instagram published 271 posts — 100 of which promoted false Antizionist content or uncritical endorsement of the Palestinian movement.

Allegations that Israel is committing genocide were promoted on at least 16 separate dates, beginning just two weeks after the October 7 massacre.

On 4 August 2025, a post promoted genocide claims alongside an image of Australian politicians posed beneath a portrait of Iran's Supreme Leader — the Ayatollah Khamenei.

A recorded speech posted 14 October 2025 repeated allegations of genocide, apartheid, and ethnic cleansing.



D'Adam alongside Husic, Lawrence, Carr, Clover Moore with the Ayatollah pictured above.

5(b) The 'Israel is Genocidal' Claim

D'Adam (and others) uses terms like 'genocidal state' endorsing the false claim that Israel/Zionism is genocidal — an unsubstantiated claim presented as established fact, with no reference to Hamas, terrorism, or Palestinian refusals of sovereignty.

5(c) The 'Zionism is Colonialism' Narrative

Reframing Jewish return to their ancestral homeland as colonial, illegal, and criminal is one of the most egregious historic distortions of the Antizionist narrative. It produces the following derivative harmful slogans promoting violence:

'From the River to the Sea' — means elimination of the State of Israel

'Globalise the Intifada' — call for organised violence against Jews

'By Any Means Necessary' — blanket moral licence for violence

Analyst Note: The Ayatollah Khamenei leads a state that has explicitly and repeatedly called for the elimination of Israel and the death of Jews. Posing beneath his portrait and publishing it on an official parliamentary account is not a neutral act. Combined with 100 posts promoting false Antizionist content over two years, this constitutes a sustained, documented pattern — not a series of isolated statements.

References:

Anthony D'Adam MLC — Instagram (official account) —

<https://www.instagram.com/anthony.dadam.mlc/>

Instagram reel — speech, 14 October 2025 — <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DPxrwo-JUDV/>

Globalise the Intifada shirt, Melbourne, January 2026 —

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DTXDInLj4Yq/>

Summary: the institutional amplification and legitimisation of the pattern

The evidence in this dossier documents a pattern that is qualitatively different from that in other dossiers in this submission — not because the individual acts are necessarily more severe, but because of who is committing them: elected members of the Australian federal parliament and the NSW parliament. This changes the analysis in three material ways:

Legitimation

When elected officials reproduce classical Antisemitic tropes on parliamentary platforms, they normalise those tropes in a way that private actors cannot. The Hidden Hand of a conspiratorial Jewish lobby, the Blood Libel, eliminationism, and Holocaust inversion — delivered by sitting MPs — communicate to the broader public that these framings are within the bounds of acceptable political discourse.

Impunity

The absence of internal ALP party discipline or public disavowal in response to Carr's Jewish Lobby interview, Lawrence's fabricated parliamentary death toll, Husic's Holocaust inversion, Dib's eliminationist T-shirt, and D'Adam's 100-post Antizionist campaign signals that this conduct carries no political cost within the party. That signal shapes the behaviour of others.

Institutional Amplification

The deployment of parliamentary platforms — official social media accounts, chamber speeches, named public appearances — to advance Antisemitic tropes raises a direct question for the Royal Commission: whether public offices are being used to facilitate or normalise hatred against Jewish Australians, and whether legislative or regulatory response is warranted.

Evidence dossier - The Australian Greens: a pattern of conduct

**Elected representatives, extremist platforms, Holocaust inversion,
and the political normalisation of Antisemitic rhetoric**

Overview

This dossier documents a pattern of conduct by elected representatives of the Australian Greens party — at federal and state level — that has contributed to the normalisation of Antisemitic framing in Australian public life. These are elected officials whose statements and associations carry the weight of parliamentary endorsement, whose platforms reach large audiences, and whose conduct shapes what is regarded as acceptable political speech.

The pattern documented here includes: amplification of pro-Hamas sentiment on the day of the October 7 massacre; Holocaust inversion used as political messaging; participation in events featuring explicitly Antisemitic imagery in the presence of minors; use of uniformed schoolchildren at political protests; and sustained institutional alignment with organisations that have produced Antisemitic conduct.

EXHIBIT 1: Senator Mehreen Faruqi - Holocaust inversion signage



Trope Classification: Contamination Trope + Holocaust Inversion — The association of Jewish symbols with filth and the need for cleansing is foundational to Nazi propaganda. Holocaust inversion erases Jewish victimhood and recasts Jewish self-defence as perpetual aggression.

△ Primary Concern: A sitting federal senator is photographed at a protest alongside uniformed schoolchildren, one of whom holds a sign depicting a Star of David in a rubbish bin above the words 'Keep the World Clean.' The senator is smiling. No concern was expressed about the signage. A second sign reads '2023 Will Not Be Another 1948.' No ALP or Greens disciplinary response was recorded.

1(a) The Star of David Rubbish Bin Sign

The sign depicts a Star of David — a Jewish religious and cultural symbol — inside a rubbish bin above the words 'Keep the World Clean.' It does not depict the Israeli flag or any political actor: it depicts a Jewish religious symbol with a cleansing imperative. The visual logic — Jewish symbol + rubbish + 'clean' — invokes centuries-old tropes associating Jewish people with contamination and dirt, foundational to Nazi propaganda.

Analyst Note: The IHRA Working Definition includes 'using the symbols and images associated with classic Antisemitism' as a contemporary example of Antisemitism. The Star of David in a bin with a cleanliness caption reactivates a pre-existing Antisemitic visual vocabulary. The child did not design this trope; it was available in the protest environment, and a sitting senator chose to pose alongside it.

1(b) Holocaust Inversion: '2023 Will Not Be Another 1948'

The sign '2023 Will Not Be Another 1948' uses the Nakba as a reference to suggest that 2023 is a continuation of 1948. This is Holocaust inversion: it places Jewish people in the perpetrator role across a continuous historical arc, erasing Jewish victimhood and recasting Jewish self-defence as ethnic cleansing.

1(c) Use of Uniformed Minors at a Political Protest

The children appear to be wearing school uniforms. Their presence at a political protest holding signs raises independent safeguarding questions about consent and duty-of-care obligations. A federal senator's endorsement — through visible participation and photography — of a context in which uniformed children hold Antisemitic imagery is a matter of public concern independent of the senator's political positions.

EXHIBIT 2: Joanna Horton (Spouse of Max Chandler-Mather MP) - October 7 endorsement



Trope Classification: Endorsement of Antisemitic Terror — Describing the October 7 massacre of Jewish civilians as 'heroism' on the day it occurred is direct approval of the mass murder of Jews.

On 7 October 2023 — the day of the Hamas massacre of approximately 1,200 Israelis, including the Nova music festival attack and the taking of 250 hostages — Joanna Horton, spouse of Greens MP Max Chandler-Mather, reposted:

“the heroism of the Palestinian people never ceases to be amazing and inspiring.”

Analyst Note: Describing October 7 as 'heroism' that is 'amazing and inspiring' — on the day those events occurred — constitutes endorsement of a terrorist attack in which 1,200 people, the majority Jewish civilians, were killed. The word 'heroism' is not ambiguous: it is a moral commendation. While Horton is not herself an elected official, the post documents the degree to which this framing was normalised within Greens-adjacent networks on the day of the massacre. The post received 352 reposts and 4,100 likes.

EXHIBIT 3: Michael Berkman MP & Amy McMahon MP (former) - '75 Years of Nakba'



Trope Classification: Contextual Baseline — Establishes the pre-October 7 political orientation of both MPs, situating the escalation in Exhibits 4, 5, and 6 within a demonstrated trajectory.

Berkman and McMahon are photographed holding a sign reading '75 Years of Nakba — I Stand With Palestinians.' Taken alone, this represents political solidarity with Palestinians — which is not Antisemitic. It is included here as a contextual baseline: both MPs were publicly aligned with this cause well before October 7, providing necessary context for the escalating conduct documented in subsequent exhibits.

EXHIBIT 4: Michael Berkman MP & Amy McMahon MP (former) – politicisation of children

Thank you to the local year 5 kids who drew & signed this Palestinian flag, including the messages "Free Palestine", "Save Lives", "Hope for Palestine" & "Help them live".

These kids have added their voices to a growing call for a ceasefire & a free Palestine.



Trope Classification: Instrumentalisation of Minors — Using children as political props in a campaign whose associated rhetoric includes Antisemitic content raises independent safeguarding concerns and amplifies the movement's reach in a manner insulated from adult political accountability.

Both MPs publicly amplify political artwork produced by Year 5 primary school students — aged approximately 10–11 — framing their participation as contribution to a political campaign ('a growing call for ceasefire and a free Palestine'). Published on official social media accounts.

Analyst Note: *Depicting 10-year-olds as participants in a political movement and publicly amplifying that participation instrumentalises minors in a manner that would attract scrutiny in any other political context. The phrase 'a free Palestine' has been used in contexts*

ranging from legitimate humanitarian aspiration to the explicit elimination of Israel as a state.

NATIONWIDE MARCH
PROTEST ISRAEL'S PRESIDENT
SPEAKING LIST - BRISBANE RALLY

 **MC - Remah Naji**
Justice for Palestine
Magandjin

 **Will Sim**
UQ Union
Ethnocultural Officer

 **Malaak Seleem**
BDS Youth
Magandjin

 **Ella Gutteridge**
Students for Palestine

 **Michael Berkman**
the Greens

 **Roba Rayan**
Muslim Legal Network

WAR CRIMINALS NOT WELCOME HERE! ARREST HERZOG!
MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY, KING GEORGE SQUARE, 5:30PM

Trope Classification: Parliamentary Legitimation of Antisemitic Campaigns — A sitting MP lending his platform to a rally calling for the arrest of a foreign Jewish head of state normalises the framing of Jewish political leadership as inherently criminal.

Michael Berkman MP was a named, featured speaker at a rally whose official promotional material bore the slogan 'War Criminals Not Welcome Here! Arrest Herzog!' — referring to Isaac Herzog, President of Israel, during a state visit to Australia. The rally was organised by Justice for Palestine Magandjin — the same organisation responsible for the worker walkout campaign at The Wickham documented in the Wickham dossier.

Analyst Note: Isaac Herzog is Israel's head of state — a largely ceremonial role. A sitting Queensland MP lending his name to this event as a featured speaker lends parliamentary legitimacy to a campaign framing a foreign head of state as a criminal to be arrested — after the Bondi Massacre. The co-speakers include the organisers of the Wickham incident, establishing a direct organisational link between that movement and the parliamentary Greens in Queensland.

EXHIBIT 6: Elizabeth Watson-Brown MP - 'Zionist Israel = Nazi Germany' – Holocaust inversion



Trope Classification: Holocaust Inversion + Jewish Identity Delegitimation — Equating Israel with Nazi Germany is the most severe form of Holocaust inversion identified by the IHRA definition. Both signs displayed on publicly-funded parliamentary property bearing a sitting MP's name.

6(a) 'Zionist Israel = Nazi Germany' — Direct IHRA Violation on Parliamentary Property

The official 'Elizabeth Watson-Brown MP' branded electorate marquee at a Brisbane rally has two handmade signs attached directly to its frame. The right sign reads: 'ZIONIST ISRAEL = NAZI GERMANY / equally as EVIL or worse? / equally as BRAINWASHED.'

Analyst Note: The IHRA Working Definition identifies 'drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis' as Antisemitism. This sign does not draw a comparison — it asserts an equation. It is displayed on property bearing the name and office

of a sitting Queensland MP. The physical attachment of this sign to official parliamentary branding transforms it from an individual protester's view into something carrying the implicit endorsement of an elected representative's office.

6(b) 'Zionism Has Hijacked True Judaism' — Delegitimisation of Jewish Identity

The left-hand sign asserts: 'ZIONISM HAS HIJACKED TRUE JUDAISM AND EVANGELISM / WHAT ISRAEL IS DOING IS EVIL backed by America for GREED.' This claim — that authentic Judaism is anti-Zionist and Zionism represents a corruption of Jewish religious identity — functions to delegitimise the majority of world Jewry who identify as Zionist. Displayed under an official MP marquee, it carries parliamentary proximity it would not otherwise have.

6(c) Public Resources and Parliamentary Responsibility

Electorate marquees are funded through parliamentary resources — public money allocated to MPs for constituent engagement. The deployment of Watson-Brown's marquee at a rally at which an 'Israel = Nazi Germany' sign is physically attached to its frame creates a direct, documented connection between public resources and content that meets the IHRA definition of Antisemitism.

EXHIBIT 7: Berkman and Watson Brown MPs – use of inciteful slogans



The composite image shows a banner held by protesters beneath the branded marquees of both Michael Berkman MP and Elizabeth Watson-Brown MP. The banner presents a sanitised dictionary definition of intifada — "uprising, rebellion" — and closes with the words "SHAKE OFF APARTHEID." The analytical significance is twofold.

First, the dictionary framing strips intifada of its specific historical content. The Second Intifada (2000–2005) involved a sustained campaign of suicide bombings targeting Israeli civilians in buses, cafes, markets, and public spaces, killing over 1,000 people. Presenting the word as mere "rebellion" is historical revisionism — deliberate erasure of the campaign's character as organised mass violence against Jewish civilians.

Second, the "apartheid" framing functions as a predicate for the intifada call: if Israel is apartheid South Africa, then intifada is the ANC. The banner is not incidentally displayed at this event — it is making a specific rhetorical argument, and it is making it under the parliamentary marquees of two sitting Queensland MPs.

Analyst Note: The combination of the intifada banner with the two MPs' branded marquees in a single image is the clearest visual evidence in this dossier of parliamentary proximity to

incitement. The Berkman and Watson-Brown marquees do not merely appear in the background — they are the framing device of the composite image, their official parliamentary branding encircling a call to intifada. A sitting MP's electorate marquee appearing above a banner that reframes a campaign of suicide bombings as legitimate civil rights resistance carries the implicit endorsement of an elected representative's office — the same mechanism identified in Exhibit 6(a).

Summary: the institutional amplification and legitimisation of the pattern

The evidence in this dossier documents a pattern qualitatively different from that in other dossiers — not because individual acts are necessarily more severe, but because of who is committing them: elected members of the Australian government.

Legitimisation

When elected officials participate in, amplify, or lend their platforms to movements and events that produce Antisemitic conduct, they normalise that conduct in a way private actors cannot.

Impunity

The absence of internal party discipline or public disavowal in response to the October 7 'heroism' repost, the Star of David bin sign, and the Intifada signs signals to the broader movement that this conduct carries no political cost. That signal shapes the behaviour of others.

Institutional Capture

The deployment of parliamentary resources — electorate office marquees, official social media accounts, named speaking slots — to advance a movement that has produced Antisemitic conduct raises questions about whether public funds and public offices are being used to facilitate or normalise Antisemitism. This is squarely within the Royal Commission's remit.

Evidence dossier: Antizionist protest at a private Jewish community event

The Wickham Incident | Brisbane, May 2025

Background

On the evening of Saturday 31 May 2025, the State Zionist Council of Queensland held a private function in a private room within The Wickham Hotel, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane — a venue widely known as a queer space on Magan-djin/Turrbal and Jagera Country.

The booking was made by Australian Venue Co. (AVC), the parent company of The Wickham. Venue staff and performers became aware of the booking during the preceding week. They asked management to cancel the event; management referred the matter to AVC, which declined to cancel. In response, staff and performers chose not to work that evening. Drag performances scheduled for both Friday and Saturday nights were cancelled. AVC sourced replacement bar staff from other venues.

Local activist group Magan-djin People's Pride, together with Justice for Palestine Magan-djin, organised a snap protest outside the venue from 5:30pm — one hour before the Jewish community event was due to begin. Over 150 people attended the protest. The State Zionist Council event continued despite the protest, with increased police and Community Security Guards required.

This dossier documents the social media campaign that preceded and accompanied the protest, and the conduct of protesters on the night, demonstrating where the campaign targeted Jewish Australians.

A note on framing: the Star Observer characterised the chanting as 'No Pride In Genocide.' The video evidence submitted separately documents chants that went materially further — specifically, 'All Zionists are terrorists' and 'Intifada, intifada.' Each is addressed in Exhibits 9 and 10 below.

EXHIBIT 1: Justice for Palestine Magan-djin - targeted harassment - prior to event



Justice for Palestine Magan-djin · Follow

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The State Zionist Council of Queensland are holding a private party tonight Saturday 31st May at The Wickham.

The Wickham is a vital queer space in Magan-djin. Performers and staff at the venue actively do not support this decision. After asking Management to refuse to host this event, and being refused, workers have decided to walk out or have stated that they won't be coming to work during the event.

Justice for Palestine Magan-djin stands in solidarity with these workers. We know that when workers stand up for Palestine, they are doing so despite facing punishment, threats, and repression. We are grateful for the bravery of these workers in choosing to walk out. We applaud their courageous decision to align themselves with values of freedom, justice, care, and dignity; choosing to stand alongside Palestinians who are right now facing the genocidal violence of the Zionist settler colonial state of Israel.

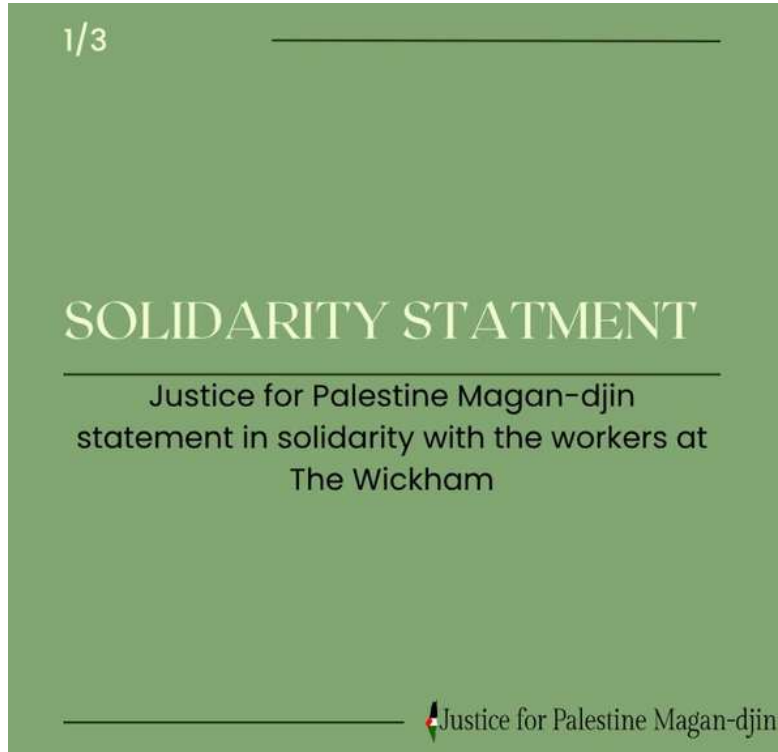
We strongly condemn management's decision to host the Zionist Council of Queensland, despite clear opposition from workers and performers. We will stand by all workers who have made the decision to walk out or refuse work, as they have stood by us in this moment.

From the weapons factory to the dancefloor; from the university to the street corner; from the river to the sea: we stand united against everyone who will normalise genocide in the name of profit.

Trope Classification: Collective Responsibility — Holding a diaspora Jewish civic body collectively responsible for Israeli military policy. Direct application of the IHRA criterion: 'holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.'

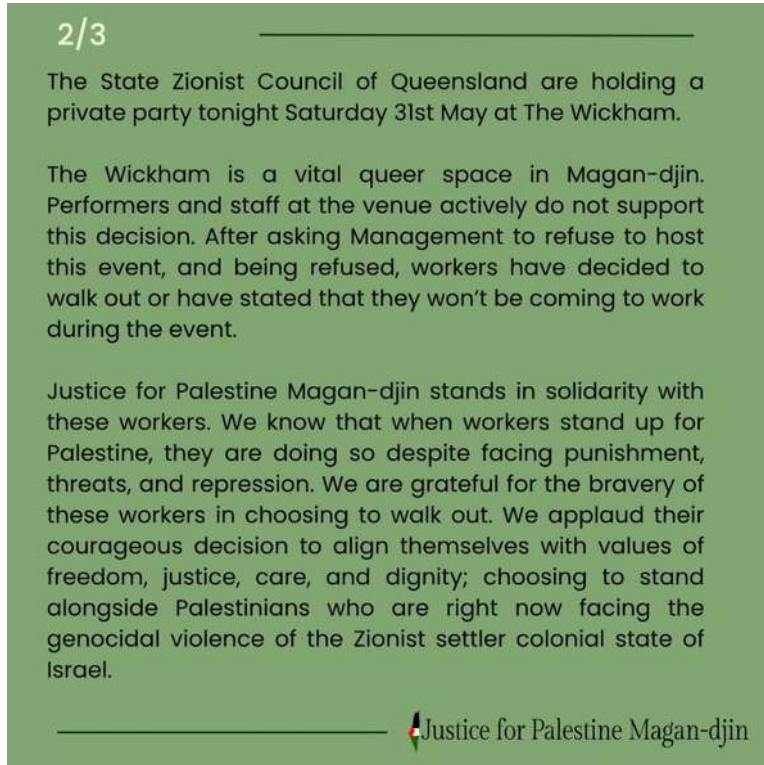
Analyst Note: The post frames the State Zionist Council of Queensland — a mainstream Australian Jewish communal organisation — as an arm of 'genocidal violence.' A diaspora Jewish civic body is rendered equivalent to the Israeli state, and its members are made collectively responsible for Israeli military policy. The closing sentence deploys 'from the river to the sea' as a mobilising slogan applied to Jewish community members attending a private event.

EXHIBIT 2: Exclusionary Statement (1/3)



Trope Classification: Institutional Legitimation — A professionalised, branded multi-slide carousel confers organisational endorsement on the exclusion of Jewish communal members from a civic space.

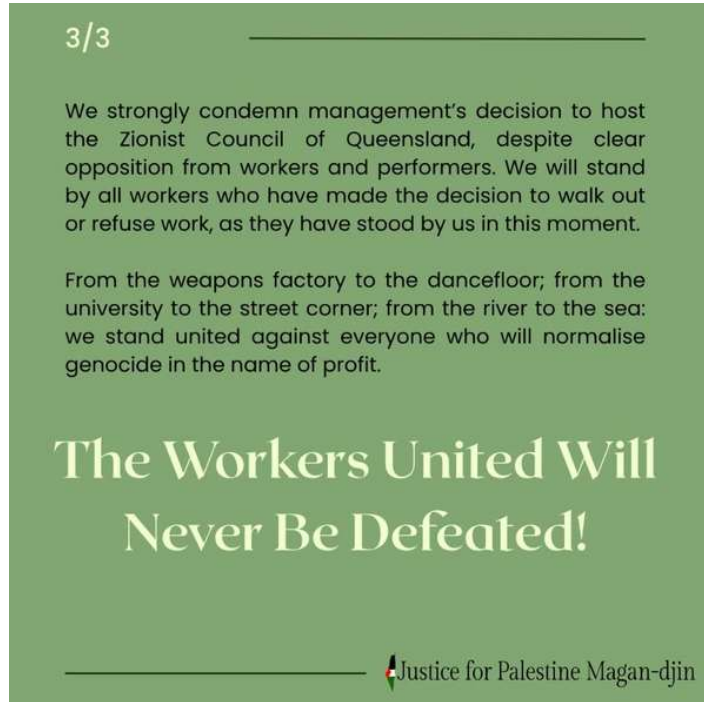
EXHIBIT 3: Exclusionary Statement (2/3)



Trope Classification: Jewish Identity as Disqualifying — The statement demands that Zionism — the mainstream of Jewish communal identity — be disavowed as a condition of welcome in a shared civic space.

Analyst Note: The statement describes Israel as a 'Zionist settler colonial state' engaged in 'genocidal violence' and asks workers to stand in solidarity against it — by refusing to serve a Jewish communal organisation at a private event. The logical structure requires accepting that a diaspora Jewish group is morally continuous with Israeli military operations – in a war of self defence against a genocidal enemy - Hamas. This is not a critique of Israeli government policy; it is a demand that Jewish identity itself be disavowed as a condition of welcome in a shared civic space.

EXHIBIT 4: Exclusionary Statement (3/3)



Trope Classification: Collective Accusation — Jewish community members attending a private function are designated as people who 'normalise genocide' — a collective accusation applied without evidence on the basis of association with a Jewish communal organisation.

Analyst Note: The final slide deploys the classic labour movement slogan 'The Workers United Will Never Be Defeated' to frame the exclusion of a Jewish community organisation as an act of worker solidarity. 'From the river to the sea: we stand united against everyone who will normalise genocide in the name of profit' designates Jewish community members attending the private function as people who 'normalise genocide' — a collective accusation applied without evidence.

EXHIBIT 5: Snap Rally Announcement - 'We Do Not Welcome Zionism in Queer Spaces'



Trope Classification: Exclusion Based on Jewish Identity — Declaring Zionism unwelcome in a public civic space is, in functional terms, declaring Jews unwelcome. The IHRA definition specifically flags 'denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination' as Antisemitism.

△ Primary Concern: This is the most legally and analytically significant statement in the documentary record. 'We do not welcome or condone Zionism in queer spaces' is an explicit exclusion, from a public civic space, of a belief held by the large majority of Jewish people. No equivalent exclusionary standard was applied to any other ethnic or religious group.

EXHIBIT 6: Snap Action Instagram Post - Blood-Spattered Star of David



Trope Classification: Blood Imagery Applied to Jewish Symbol — Using the Star of David — a Jewish religious symbol predating Israel by centuries — as a canvas for blood imagery associates Jewish people generically with bloodshed. This is a specific indicator that targeting has shifted from the Israeli state to Jewish people as such.

Analyst Note: The blood-spattered Star of David is an Antisemitic visual trope. The Star of David is a Jewish religious, cultural and civilisational symbol. Using it as a canvas for blood imagery associates Jewish people generically with bloodshed, independent of any critique of Israeli policy. The post received 647 likes and 308 shares, indicating substantial reach within the Brisbane LGBTQ+ community.

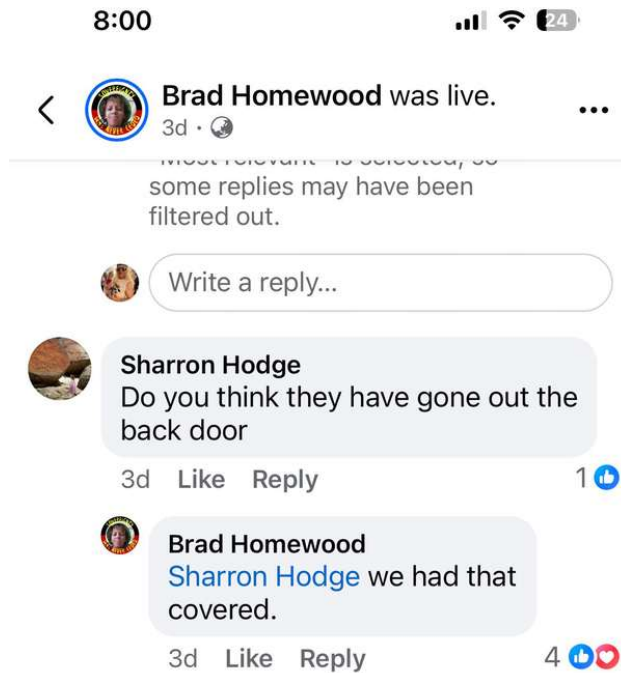
EXHIBIT 7: Venue-Adjacent Amplification



Trope Classification: Jewish Gathering as Threat — Framing a private Jewish community event in a private room as a corporate-enabled threat to queer safety, without evidence — presenting Jewish community members exercising a lawful right to gather as a threat to be confronted.

Analyst Note: This post is tagged at The Wickham's own location and shared by a verified account — amplifying the message that hosting 'the Zionist Council' requires a public response. The language 'show these corps our safe spaces are not to be fucked with' frames a Jewish community event, held in a private room, as a corporate-enabled threat to queer safety. No evidence is offered for this claim.

EXHIBIT 8: Facebook Live Comments - 'Back Door' Exit Monitoring



Trope Classification: Physical Intimidation and Restriction of Movement — The clearest evidence in this dossier of conduct directed at Jewish people as a group. Organising to monitor exit routes of a venue hosting a private Jewish communal event constitutes intimidation and raises serious concerns about the physical safety of attendees.

△ Primary Concern: This exhibit documents that protesters were actively monitoring exit routes from The Wickham and coordinating to ensure Jewish community members could not leave without being observed or intercepted. This moves the incident beyond speech and expression into conduct that restricted the freedom of movement of Jewish Australians at a private function.

EXHIBIT 9: Video Evidence - 'All Zionists Are Terrorists' Chant

Trope Classification: Collective Criminalisation — A blanket designation of world Jewry as terrorists, chanted outside a venue where Jewish community members were gathered at a private function. Targeted intimidation, not abstract political expression.

► **VIDEO EVIDENCE** — *'All Zionists are terrorists'* — available on request

Analyst Note: 'All Zionists are terrorists' is a collective accusation of criminal conduct directed at a group defined substantially by Jewish identity. This is not criticism of Israeli policy: it is a blanket designation of approximately 80% of world Jewry as terrorists. It was chanted outside a venue where Jewish community members were at a private function, making it targeted intimidation. The Star Observer described the chanting as 'No Pride In Genocide.' The video evidence demonstrates chanting went materially further. The discrepancy is relevant to how the event has been characterised in subsequent media coverage.

EXHIBIT 10 — Video Evidence — 'Intifada' Chant

Trope Classification: Invocation of Mass Violence Against Jews — 'Intifada' refers to sustained campaigns of suicide bombings against Israeli civilians. Directed at Jewish attendees of a private function, this chant functions as a direct threat invoking organised violence against Jewish people.

► **VIDEO EVIDENCE** — '*Intifada, intifada*' — available on request

Analyst Note: 'Intifada' refers in common political usage to the First and Second Intifadas. The Second Intifada involved a sustained campaign of suicide bombings against Israeli civilians, killing over 1,000 people. Chanting 'intifada' outside a venue where Jewish community members are attending a private function is a direct invocation, in the hearing of those individuals, of mass violence against Jewish people. Directed at attendees of the State Zionist Council event, this chant functions as a threat.

EXHIBIT 11: Dog-Whistle Mobilisation - 'Make Z10s Unwelcome at The Wickham'



Trope Classification: Coded Antisemitic Mobilisation — Deliberate phonetic substitution ('Z10s' for 'Zionists') to evade content moderation while issuing a directive to target Jewish community members at a private event. Consciousness of the targeting nature of the instruction is demonstrated by the substitution itself.

Summary: where Antizionism is anti-Jewish bigotry

The Wickham incident demonstrates a pattern in which antizionist framing served as the vehicle for conduct and expression that targeted Jewish Australians as such. The following elements, taken together:

Collective responsibility: The State Zionist Council of QLD — a mainstream Australian Jewish civic organisation — was treated as an extension of the Israeli state and held morally responsible for its military operations.

Exclusion based on Jewish identity: The declaration that Zionism is unwelcome in queer spaces functions as an exclusion of Jews from civic community space. No equivalent standard was applied to any other ethnic or religious group.

Antisemitic visual imagery: The blood-spattered Star of David deployed a specifically Jewish religious symbol — not an Israeli state symbol — as an emblem of bloodshed, echoing a centuries-old Antisemitic trope.

Collective accusation of terrorism: The chant 'All Zionists are terrorists,' directed at Jewish community members at a private event, is a collective criminalisation of the majority of Jews on the basis of their communal identity.

Invocation of mass violence: The 'intifada' chant, directed at Jewish attendees, invokes a historical campaign of suicide bombings targeting Jewish civilians. In this context it functions as intimidation.

Physical intimidation: The coordination of protesters to monitor and 'cover' exit routes of a venue hosting a private Jewish community event restricted the freedom of movement of Jewish Australians and constitutes targeted harassment.

Coded language: The use of 'Z10s' as a content-moderation-evading substitute for 'Zionists' in mobilisation posts, issued by named protest organisers, demonstrates consciousness that the unsubstituted instruction would be recognised as targeting a group on the basis of identity.

Each of these elements individually engages criteria within the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism. Together they constitute a coherent pattern of Antisemitic conduct directed at identifiable members of the Australian Jewish community in a specific place

and time. The legal and civic questions this raises — about the limits of protest, the content of public chanting, and the obligation of public venues toward the safety of Jewish community members — are squarely within the remit of this Royal Commission.

Evidence dossier: UQ Gaza encampment, May 2024

**Endorsement of terrorism, denial of October 7,
and the erasure of Jewish civic rights**

Background

From late April 2024, a pro-Palestinian/Antizionist encampment was established on the Great Court of the University of Queensland (UQ) in Brisbane, organised principally by UQ Muslim Students for Palestine and associated groups. A counter-camp — Camp Shalom — was established at the other end of the Great Court by Jewish students seeking to provide a safe space and a pro-Israel presence on campus.

The UQ encampment was the site of multiple documented incidents: a flag of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) — a designated terrorist organisation — was flown at the camp; a Greens candidate hosted an open-mic poetry event at the camp with a stated exclusion of Zionists; UQ's own vice-chancellor eventually called for dismantlement of all encampments. Camp Shalom immediately complied. The pro-Palestinian encampment refused and escalated its rhetoric.

An interview was recorded at the encampment by a student journalist and subsequently published online. It captures on-camera statements that include: explicit endorsement of Hamas; denial of Hamas's responsibility for October 7 civilian killings; justification of hostage-taking including of children; assertion that all Israeli civilians are legitimate targets; and calls for the effective elimination of Zionism from Australian civic life.

Multiple speakers participated, designated Respondent A and Respondent B. The primary speaker articulating positions on Hamas, October 7, hostages, and Israeli civilians is Respondent B.

1.1 — Denial of Antisemitism / Dismissal of Jewish Safety Concerns

Trope Classification: Rhetorical Shield — Invoking Jewish participation to immunise a movement from Antisemitism analysis; denying Jewish students standing to name their own experience of threat or exclusion.

00:00:31 **Respondent A:** *“Half of our organizers are Jewish. This is not an Antisemitic camp. So the foundation of what they've set their camp up on is a lie.”*

Analyst Note: The claim that Jewish participation disproves Antisemitism is a frequently deployed rhetorical shield. Jewish people can participate in or lead movements that nonetheless produce Antisemitic effects. The presence of Jewish organisers does not immunise the encampment's statements, imagery, or conduct from Antisemitism analysis. More significantly, dismissing the counter-camp's concern for Jewish safety as 'a lie' functions to deny Jewish students the standing to name their own experience of threat or exclusion.

1.2 — Erasure of Israel / 'Palestine is the Only State That Should Be There'

Trope Classification: Eliminationism / Denial of Jewish Self-Determination — The explicit rejection of Israel's right to exist is identified as Antisemitism under the IHRA definition: 'Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g. by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.'

00:00:57 **Respondent B:** *“Palestine is the only state that should be there. Ideally no state — nations are inherently corrupt and classist — but a free Palestine is required before that happens.”*

Analyst Note: These positions were articulated publicly at a university campus event. The setting — the Great Court of a major Australian university — lends the statements an institutional proximity that is relevant to the Royal Commission's inquiry into whether Australian institutions have adequately responded to Antisemitism.

1.3 — Endorsement of Forced Displacement of Jewish Israelis

Trope Classification: Mass Displacement as Political Baseline — Presenting the removal or subjugation of approximately seven million Jewish people as the desired political outcome, framed through a false South Africa analogy that collapses distinct demographic and historical realities.

00:01:14 **Respondent B:** *“Same thing that happened to white South Africans when their apartheid regime was dismantled. They’ll either leave or they’ll just live in Palestine.”*

Analyst Note: *This presents mass displacement of approximately seven million Jewish people as the baseline desired political outcome. The South Africa analogy is analytically important: the white minority was approximately 20% of the South African population; Jewish citizens are approximately 74% of Israel’s population and include communities with millennia of continuous regional presence. The analogy collapses these distinctions to facilitate a conclusion — mass displacement — that would not be proposed for any other ethnic or national group in any other conflict context.*

1.4 — Justification of Hostage-Taking, Including of Children

Trope Classification: Endorsement of Designated Terrorist Acts — Public justification of hostage-taking — prohibited under international humanitarian law — and removal of moral agency from the act by placing fault entirely on the victims.

00:02:07 **Respondent B:** *“Hostage taking is never good, but it’s a necessary aspect of conflict. You sometimes have to take hostages.”*

00:02:31 **Respondent B:** *“For every Israeli child that’s been taken hostage, there’s a thousand Palestinian child hostages. So it is... the violence of the oppressed and the violence of a resistance group is necessary violence. It is the fault of the oppressor. So every hostage taken is Israel’s fault.”*

Analyst Note: *Hostage-taking is prohibited under international humanitarian law, including Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions, regardless of the political context. The framing — ‘it’s a necessary aspect of conflict,’ ‘violence of the oppressed is necessary violence,’ ‘every hostage taken is Israel’s fault’ — constitutes public endorsement of a designated terrorist act. The October 7 attacks included the taking of approximately 250 hostages, including children and elderly people. This was stated on camera at a university campus by participants in a student movement.*

1.5 — Denial of Hamas’s Responsibility for October 7 Civilian Deaths

Trope Classification: Atrocity Denial — Holocaust-adjacent denial: the negation of documented atrocity against Jewish people. October 7 is among the most extensively

documented attacks in recent history, captured by perpetrators on GoPro cameras and verified by journalists, investigators, and the United Nations.

00:03:23 Respondent B: *“The civilians that were killed — according to every witness statement, every footage — were killed by the IDF. Hamas didn’t kill anyone on October 7 that was a civilian.”*

00:03:56 Respondent B: *“Most of the innocent casualties there were from IDF bullets.”*

Analyst Note: *The claim that Hamas did not kill any civilians on October 7 is factually false. October 7 resulted in the deaths of approximately 1,200 Israelis, the majority civilians, killed by Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. The attacks are among the most extensively documented in recent history, with footage captured by the perpetrators themselves and widely verified by journalists, investigators, and international observers including the UN. Denial of mass atrocity against Jewish people, in the context of dismissing Jewish safety concerns, is consistent with the IHRA definition’s focus on how Antisemitism operates through the distortion of historical and current events.*

1.6 — Personal Declaration: 'If I Lived in Palestine I'd Be a Terrorist' / 'I'd Join Hamas'

Trope Classification: On-Camera Endorsement of a Designated Terrorist Organisation — Hamas is a proscribed terrorist organisation under Australian law (Criminal Code Act 1995). This statement constitutes personal endorsement of membership in that organisation, made at a public Australian university campus.

00:04:37 Respondent B: *“If I lived in Palestine I’d be a terrorist. Fuck yeah.”*

00:04:48 Respondent B: *“Hundred percent I’d join Hamas. If I experienced what they experienced — hundred percent, I’d join Hamas.”*

Analyst Note: *These statements constitute on-camera personal endorsement of membership in Hamas, a designated terrorist organisation under Australian law. The statement was made at an event on a public Australian university campus, in a context where Jewish students were present in a nearby counter-camp. It is difficult to imagine equivalent public statements about membership in other designated terrorist organisations being made at a university event without institutional response.*

1.7 — Acceptance of Unlimited Civilian Deaths / 'As Many as Necessary'

Trope Classification: Unlimited Licence for Violence Against Jews — When directly asked what number of Israeli civilian deaths would be acceptable, the respondent declines to set any limit and removes moral agency from the act of killing by placing it on the victims.

00:05:54 Respondent B: *“Just — as many as necessary. Resistance is always necessary. People are gonna die until Palestine is free. Israel gets to decide how many people die before that happens.”*

Analyst Note: *When directly asked what number of Israeli civilian deaths would be acceptable, the respondent declines to set any limit. The framing — 'Israel gets to decide how many people die' — removes moral agency from the act of killing Israeli civilians entirely and places it on the victims. This is a statement that there is no upper bound on the number of Israeli Jews whose deaths would be acceptable. That this was expressed openly at a university campus, to a student journalist, without apparent concern about consequence, is itself significant for the Royal Commission's inquiry.*

1.8 — 'Denazification' of Israeli Society / Equation of Zionism with Nazism

Trope Classification: Holocaust Inversion — The IHRA definition specifically identifies 'drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis' as Antisemitism. This statement goes further: it proposes that Israeli society as a whole requires 'denazification' — implying the remedial programme used on post-war Germany should be applied to a Jewish-majority nation.

00:07:21 Respondent B: *“There was mass support for the Nazis in Germany — none of that argument of how many people are you willing to kill before Hitler. You've got to denazify Israeli society, basically.”*

Analyst Note: *This statement goes beyond the IHRA definition's baseline of Nazi comparison: it proposes that Israeli society as a whole requires 'denazification.' In context — immediately following discussion of mass reeducation or forced departure for the 70–80% of Israelis who are Zionist — this is one of the clearest examples in the transcript of rhetoric that meets the IHRA definition directly. It equates the Jewish-majority democracy with the regime that*

murdered six million Jews, and proposes applying the post-war de-Nazification programme to the Jewish people themselves.

1.9 — Support for Houthis Despite 'Curse the Jews' Motto

Trope Classification: Knowing Endorsement of Explicit Antisemitism — Awareness of an organisation's formally adopted 'Curse the Jews' slogan does not deter support. This is not ignorance — it is knowing endorsement.

00:08:41 Interviewer: *“Are you aware that they've got the term 'Curse the Jews' in their logo?”*

00:08:45 Respondent B: *“Hundred percent I'm aware of that. But I support the Houthis as an organization. Critical support in going against Israel.”*

Analyst Note: *The Houthi movement's official slogan — embedded in their logo — reads: 'God is great, death to America, death to Israel, curse the Jews, victory to Islam.' This is one of the most explicit Antisemitic statements incorporated into the formal identity of any active political-military organisation. When directly told of this, the respondent affirmed awareness and maintained support. This is not a case of ignorance: it is knowing endorsement of an organisation whose governing identity includes a declaration to 'curse the Jews.'*

1.10 — Dismissal of October 7 Sexual Violence

Trope Classification: Atrocity Minimisation — False claim that all reporting on October 7 sexual violence has been retracted, followed by immediate normalisation: 'whether it happened or not, it's not a uniquely Hamas crime.' Simultaneously casting doubt and dismissing the significance.

00:09:39 Respondent B: *“It's unsubstantiated. All news accounts that have said it have recanted... Whether it happened or not — it's an atrocity — but it is not a uniquely Hamas crime.”*

Analyst Note: *The claim that all news accounts of October 7 sexual violence have been retracted is false. The UN's own Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict,*

Pramila Patten, released a report in March 2024 concluding there were 'reasonable grounds to believe' that sexual violence was committed during October 7, including rape, gang rape, and other acts. No major news organisations that investigated and reported sexual violence claims retracted those reports. The framing — 'whether it happened or not' followed immediately by 'it's not a uniquely Hamas crime' — simultaneously casts doubt on the event and normalises it.

1.11 — Zionism Equated with White Supremacy and Nazism; Declared Hate Speech in Australia

Trope Classification: Civic Elimination of Jewish Identity — A demand that mainstream Jewish identity be reclassified as hate speech, removing its legal and civic protections. The practical consequence: Jewish community organisations, publications, schools, and communal life could not operate within normal civic norms.

00:10:17 Respondent B: *“Zionism as an ideology, much like white supremacy, much like transphobia, much like Nazism, should not be welcome in society. Their rhetoric shouldn't be accepted in common dialogue. Zionism is hate speech because it is white supremacy.”*

Analyst Note: *The respondent explicitly equates Zionism — Jewish self-determination, held by approximately 80% of diaspora Jews globally — with white supremacy and Nazism, and asserts it constitutes hate speech under Australian law. This is not a critique of Israeli government policy; it is a demand that mainstream Jewish identity be reclassified as a form of hate speech. The practical consequence of this position, if adopted, would be that Jewish community organisations, Jewish publications, Jewish schools, and Jewish communal life broadly would be unable to operate within normal civic norms. This is the mechanism by which Antizionism, in this formulation, becomes Antisemitism: not by criticising a government, but by demanding that Jewish identity itself be treated as illegitimate.*

1.12 — 'Every Single Israeli Civilian is Guilty' / 'A Settler is Not a Civilian'

△ Primary Concern: *These are the most legally significant statements in the transcript. The respondent explicitly removes civilian status from every Israeli civilian, collectively designates all Israeli Jews as guilty, and states that Hamas killing those individuals is 'justified.' This was stated on camera at an Australian university campus with no subsequent institutional disciplinary response.*

Trope Classification: Collective Criminal Guilt + Removal of Civilian Protection — All three elements constitute violations of international humanitarian law and the IHRA definition: collective guilt attributed to all members of a Jewish-majority state; removal of the legal protection civilians are entitled to; and public justification for their killing.

00:12:51 Respondent B: *“Every single Israeli civilian is guilty of colonialism, because they are all active settlers on Palestinian land.”*

00:13:12 Respondent B: *“I would go as far as — a settler is not a civilian. So if Hamas were to attack Israeli civilians, I wouldn't say it's okay — I would say it's justified.”*

Analyst Note: *These statements constitute: (a) collective guilt attributed to all members of a Jewish-majority state; (b) removal of the legal protection civilians are entitled to under international humanitarian law; and (c) public justification for their killing. Under international humanitarian law, civilians are protected regardless of the political circumstances of the conflict. That these were stated on camera at an Australian university, and that the university did not take substantive disciplinary action, is squarely relevant to the Royal Commission's inquiry.*

Summary: the pattern and its significance

The statements documented in this dossier were made voluntarily, on camera, by participants in a public student movement at a major Australian university, to a student journalist. They are:

Factually false: Factually false in key respects — October 7 civilian deaths attributed to the IDF; sexual violence claims described as universally retracted.

Endorsing terrorism: Endorsing of designated terrorist organisations (Hamas, Houthis) and their methods, including hostage-taking of children and mass violence.

Eliminationist: Explicitly eliminationist — Israel has no right to exist; every Israeli civilian is guilty; a settler is not a civilian; Hamas killing them is justified.

IHRA Antisemitism: Antisemitic under the IHRA definition — denial of Jewish self-determination; comparison of Israelis to Nazis; collective guilt applied to all Israeli civilians; denial of documented atrocity against Jewish people.

Civic elimination: Targeted at Jewish civic standing in Australia — Zionism classified as hate speech; Jewish communal identity equated with white supremacy and Nazism; Zionists declared unwelcome in civil society.

The Institutional Failure

The University of Queensland was made aware of Antisemitic incidents at and around the encampment. Its own vice-chancellor eventually called for the camps to be disbanded. Camp Shalom — the Jewish student camp — immediately complied. The pro-Palestinian encampment did not. UQ did not take substantive disciplinary action in response to the documented statements and conduct captured in this interview.

The question for the Royal Commission is whether the institutional tolerance extended to public statements of this kind, at Australian universities, reflects a failure of duty of care toward Jewish students; and whether the absence of consequence for statements that would likely produce institutional response if directed at any other ethnic or religious community constitutes a systemic failure that warrants legislative or policy remedy.

Full Annotated Transcript

Rows highlighted in gold denote statements analysed above. Respondent B is the primary speaker on Hamas, October 7, hostages, and Israeli civilians.

00:00:00 Interviewer Hey guys, I'm a student journalist here. I was just wondering — what do you think of the other camp over there, what does it represent?

00:00:05 Respondent A They don't really represent anything. They're just here cause we are. There's at most five or six people there at any given time — most of them are empty tents. They're just here to oppose us, and we're here to oppose genocide.

00:00:31 Respondent A What they're saying they're standing for is a safe place for Jewish people and opposing Antisemitism. But half of our organizers are Jewish. This is not an Antisemitic camp. So the foundation of what they've set their camp up on is a lie.

00:00:47 Interviewer What would you like to see long term in the conflict? A two-state solution, a one-state solution?

00:00:52 Respondent A I don't know man. Two Palestines is a bit much but it'll do I guess.

00:00:57 Respondent B Palestine is the only state that should be there. Ideally no state — nations are inherently corrupt and classist — but a free Palestine is required before that happens.

00:01:12 Interviewer What do you think should happen to the people already living there, on the Israeli side?

00:01:14 Respondent B Same thing that happened to white South Africans when their apartheid regime was dismantled. Same thing that happens with every land back movement that's successful. They'll either leave, or they'll just live in Palestine.

00:01:55 Interviewer They have a picture of the hostages up...

00:01:57 Respondent A Which is stupid because they offered ceasefire deals and Netanyahu declined every single one of them.

00:02:05 Interviewer What do you think should happen with these hostages?

00:02:07 **Respondent B** They should be used as hostages are used in conflicts — traded for peace deals. Hostage taking is never good, but it's a necessary aspect of conflict. You sometimes have to take hostages.

00:02:30 Interviewer Do you think there should be an age limit on hostages?

00:02:31 **Respondent B** Hundred percent, like — for every Israeli child that's been taken hostage, there's a thousand Palestinian child hostages. So it is... kind of justified is the wrong word. But the violence of the oppressed, the violence of a resistance group, is necessary violence. It is the fault of the oppressor. So every hostage taken is Israel's fault.

00:02:57 Interviewer Do you support Hamas's right to resist?

00:03:01 **Respondent B** 100%. The International Court of Justice supports their right to resist in accordance with international law.

00:03:08 Interviewer Would you like to see Palestine ruled by Hamas?

00:03:12 **Respondent B** No no. But Hamas is better than Israel. I want Hamas to succeed in their resistance movement.

00:03:20 Interviewer What do you think about October 7? Do you think October 7 was justified?

00:03:23 **Respondent B** The terrorist attack of Hamas on October 7th was largely targeted at military personnel. The civilians that were killed — according to every witness statement, every footage — were killed by the IDF. Hamas didn't kill anyone on October 7 that was a civilian. People died in the crossfire. It was not their target.

00:03:51 Interviewer Have you seen the footage where they killed innocent people at the Nova music festival?

00:03:56 **Respondent B** Most of the innocent casualties there were from IDF bullets.

00:04:12 Interviewer So you support what they did on October 7?

00:04:16 **Respondent B** Support is the wrong word, but they are the oppressed. I see why they did it. If Israel didn't want retaliatory violence, if they didn't want to be attacked, they

shouldn't have oppressed the Palestinian people. You can't lock people in a concentration camp and then get upset when they fight back.

00:04:37 **Respondent B** If I lived in Palestine I'd be a terrorist. Fuck yeah.

00:04:44 Interviewer Would you join Hamas if you could?

00:04:48 **Respondent B** Probably, if I lived in Palestine. If I had experienced what they experienced — hundred percent, I'd join Hamas.

00:05:14 Interviewer Some people in New York City were protesting and chanting 'Bomb, bomb, bomb Tel Aviv.' What do you think of that slogan?

00:05:20 **Respondent B** It's a violent one, but the Zionists are chanting to raze Gaza. The bombing of Tel Aviv is a retaliatory attack — it's an unrealistic thing to happen, but the sentiment is retaliatory violence. Same thing as 'bomb bomb Berlin' in the 40s. It sucks civilians are gonna die, but it's not the people bombing Berlin's fault.

00:05:49 Interviewer What would be a justified amount of civilians to kill in order to liberate Palestine?

00:05:54 **Respondent B** Just — as many as necessary. Resistance is always necessary as it's an inevitable fact of oppression. People are gonna die until Palestine is free. Israel gets to decide how many people die before that happens.

00:06:13 Interviewer So if Hamas were to kill 100,000 Israelis in order to liberate Palestine, you'd accept that?

00:06:20 **Respondent B** That's not ever happened historically with any land back movement. But... a lot of people died.

00:06:37 Interviewer Do you think Jews have a right to live in Israel?

00:06:39 **Respondent B** Jewish people have a right to live there. But not Zionist Jews. Zionists have no right to Israel. Israel has no right to exist. The Jews who live there can live there, as long as they don't support Zionism. Zionism has no place in Palestine — Israel has no right to exist. It's a settler colonial project.

00:07:02 Interviewer If 70-80% of Israeli population are Zionist, would you be fine with clearing out 70-80% of people?

00:07:07 **Respondent B** Not clearing out — but I would see hope in programs of deradicalization, reeducation. They can either fuck off or learn empathy.

00:07:21 **Respondent B** There was mass support for the Nazis in Germany — none of that argument of how many people are you willing to kill before Hitler. You've got to denazify Israeli society, basically.

00:07:56 Interviewer What do you think about the Houthis and Yemen?

00:08:17 **Respondent B** They are completely justified in their defense of Palestine. They've specifically targeted Israeli vessels with very limited civilian deaths.

00:08:41 Interviewer Are you aware that they've got the term 'Curse the Jews' in their logo?

00:08:45 **Respondent B** Hundred percent I'm aware of that. But I support the Houthis as an organization. Critical support in going against Israel.

00:09:34 Interviewer What do you say to people who say that Hamas committed rape on October 7th?

00:09:39 **Respondent B** It's unsubstantiated. All news accounts that have said it have recanted. Whether it happened or not — it's an atrocity — but it is not a uniquely Hamas crime. There have been recorded instances of IDF soldiers raping Palestinian women and making their families watch. So if Hamas did it, that sucks, but it's not something you can uniquely condemn Hamas for doing.

00:10:12 Interviewer What do you think should happen to Zionists living in Australia?

00:10:17 **Respondent B** There's free speech — they shouldn't be locked up or anything, there shouldn't be violence against them. But Zionism as an ideology, much like white supremacy, much like transphobia, much like Nazism, should not be welcome in society. Their rhetoric shouldn't be accepted in common dialogue. Zionism is hate speech because it is white supremacy.

00:12:02 Interviewer What proportion of Israeli society would you say is guilty of the crimes being committed right now?

00:12:51 **Respondent B** Every single Israeli civilian is guilty of colonialism, because they are all active settlers on Palestinian land.

00:13:12 **Respondent B** I would go as far as — a settler is not a civilian. So if Hamas were to attack Israeli civilians, I wouldn't say it's okay, I would say it's justified, because they are the oppressive regime.

Evidence dossier: Echo & Bounce Venue | Brisbane

'Zionism' listed alongside racism and transphobia in house rules: institutional exclusion of Jewish identity in queer venue policy

Key Finding

Trope Classification: Jewish Identity as Bigotry — Listing 'Zionism' — Jewish self-determination, the mainstream of Jewish communal identity — as a prohibited form of bigotry in a formal venue policy is an operational exclusion of Jewish Australians. It is the functional equivalent of listing 'Islam' as prohibited in a respect policy while also condemning Islamophobia.

△ Primary Concern: Both event house rules posts list 'Zionism' explicitly in a Respect All code of conduct alongside racism, sexism, transphobia, homophobia, ableism, and fatphobia — categories of discrimination that attendees are banned for expressing. The word 'Antisemitism' also appears in the same list. This is not a statement of political opinion: it is an operational exclusion policy. Jewish patrons are subject to removal from the venue on the grounds of their communal identity.

EXHIBIT 1 — House Rules: F4GS Event at Echo & Bounce — exclusion of Zionists

The house rules post for the F4GS event, published by morph.com.au, lists 'Zionism' explicitly as a prohibited form of conduct in the venue's Respect All policy — alongside racism, sexism, transphobia, homophobia, ableism, and fatphobia. The word 'Antisemitism' also appears in the same list.



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@ ECHO&BOUNCE 10/05 6PM-1AM ☆

EXHIBIT 2 — House Rules: FIST Event at Echo & Bounce — exclusion of Zionists

The house rules post for the FIST event, published by echoandbounce_, contains identical framing — listing 'Zionism' as a prohibited category in the Respect All policy alongside the same categories of recognised discrimination and bigotry. The recurrence across two separate events and two separate accounts demonstrates that this is not an isolated error but an adopted policy position.



Relevance to the Royal Commission

These exhibits demonstrate that the conflation of Zionism with bigotry has moved beyond social media posts and protest slogans into formal venue policy. Jewish Australians attending these events are placed on notice that their communal identity is, by the venue's own written rules, a ground for removal.

Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)

This conduct engages the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), which prohibits acts that are reasonably likely to offend, humiliate, or intimidate a person or group on the basis of

race, colour, or national or ethnic origin. Jewish identity has been found by Australian courts and tribunals to constitute an 'ethnic group' for the purposes of the Act.

The classification of Zionism — as a core element of Jewish communal identity — as equivalent to racism in a formal exclusion policy warrants direct examination by the Royal Commission. The question is whether a venue's written policy of excluding persons on the basis of a belief held by the majority of a recognised ethnic group constitutes unlawful discrimination under the Act.

The Internal Contradiction

The juxtaposition within the same house rules list of both 'Zionism' (as prohibited) and 'Antisemitism' (as prohibited) creates an internally contradictory policy:

It purports to protect Jewish people from Antisemitism while simultaneously designating the mainstream expression of Jewish communal identity as a form of bigotry warranting exclusion.

It offers Jewish Australians conditional protection — welcome as individuals, excluded as members of their own community.

EVIDENCE DOSSIER: Brisbane Antizionist protest signage

Post-Bondi massacre: signage documenting direct demonisation, Holocaust inversion, and calls to violence

Context

This exhibit presents a sample of images captured at a Brisbane protest held in response to Israeli President Isaac Herzog's visit to Australia, in the aftermath of the 14 December 2025 Bondi massacre in which 15 Jewish Australians were killed by ISIS-inspired gunmen.

The images are analysed as a collective body of evidence rather than individually, because their significance lies in the aggregate: what was present, what was absent, and what the combination reveals about the character of the movement.

△ Primary Concern: This protest — featuring signs reading 'Zionism is a Death Cult,' 'Death to the Zionist Entity,' and 'Globalise the Intifada' — took place in the immediate aftermath of the worst Antisemitic terrorist attack in Australian history. The Bondi attackers left a video condemning Zionists. Not one sign at this protest mourned the 15 victims or condemned the attack. That absence is the exhibit's most telling detail.

Collective Analysis: Signage Documented

The images documented falls into four categories:

1. Direct Demonisation of Jewish Identity
2. Holocaust Inversion
3. Calls to Mass Violence and Eliminationism
4. Dehumanising Portraiture of a Foreign Head of State

Image and Analysis Grid



Image 1: 'Zionism is Terrorism'

A placard bearing the words 'ZIONISM IS TERRORISM' in bold yellow text on a blue background, affixed to a Palestinian flag display. This is a collective criminalisation of Jewish self-determination — designating the primary identity-belief of the majority of diaspora Jews as a form of terrorism. It does not critique Israeli government policy; it designates the belief itself as criminal conduct.



Image 2: 'Globalise the Intifada' Solidarity Magazine

A copy of Solidarity magazine distributed at the protest. Cover headline: 'GLOBALISE THE INTIFADA.' Sub-headings: 'Cut all ties with Israel' and 'Repeal the anti-protest laws.' A sidebar references the Bondi attack as 'How Israel's war crimes brand terrorism.' This is an organised, printed, distributed political position — not a spontaneous chant. The Bondi sidebar inverts victim and perpetrator at a protest held in the massacre's immediate aftermath.



Image 3: 'Never Again Means Never Again 4 Everyone'

'Never Again' is the foundational post-Holocaust Jewish memorial commitment. Universalising it at a protest held days after 15 Jewish Australians were murdered in an Antisemitic terrorist attack does not affirm Jewish memory — it appropriates it as a rhetorical lever against Jewish self-determination. This is Holocaust inversion in a specifically targeted form: deploying the language of Jewish grief against Jewish people at the moment of their grief.



Image 4: Isaac Herzog Caricature 'War Criminal'

A hand-drawn caricature of Israeli President Isaac Herzog with exaggerated facial features — distorted eyes, pronounced teeth — above the words 'WAR CRIMINAL ISAAC HERZOG.' A secondary annotation reads 'This man uses hate speech to incite a genocide.' Caricature of a Jewish public figure with distorted physical features is a documented Antisemitic visual convention with direct lineage to Nazi-era propaganda. The combination of physical dehumanisation with criminal designation reproduces the classic Antisemitic formula: the Jew as uniquely, visibly monstrous and guilty.



Image 5: 'From the River to the Sea / Censor Genocide Not Me'

A sign pairing an eliminationist slogan — the call for Israel's replacement across its entire territory — with a free speech framing that presents its restriction as censorship. The sign claims victimhood ('censor... not me') while displaying a slogan that calls for the elimination of the Jewish state. It attempts to place a call for Jewish erasure within a civil liberties frame, insulating it from criticism.



Image 6: 'Zionism is a Death Cult'

A sign reading 'ZIONISM IS A DEATH CULT' with a red watermelon symbol beneath. This designates the primary identity-belief of the majority of diaspora Jews as a death cult — a dehumanising label that places Jewish self-determination in the category of fanatical destructive movements rather than legitimate national aspiration. It is a demand, in public, that Jews regard their own communal identity as pathological.



Image 7: 'Nothing is More Antisemitic Than Zionism'

Identity inversion in its most direct form: accusing Jews of Antisemitism for holding mainstream Jewish beliefs. It functions to sever Jewish identity from Jewish protection — Jewish people can claim victim status only if they disavow Zionism. Any Jew who does not is, by this sign's logic, themselves an antisemite. The majority of Jewish Australians are thereby excluded from the protections against Antisemitism that this movement claims to support.

Conclusion

The timing is the most significant contextual fact in this exhibit. This protest — featuring signs reading 'Zionism is a Death Cult,' 'Death to the Zionist Entity,' and 'Globalise the Intifada' — took place in the immediate aftermath of the worst terrorist attack in Australian history with the victims – Jewish Australians. The Bondi attackers left a video condemning Zionists. The protest's ideological framing is continuous with that video. The absence of any sign mourning the 15 victims, or condemning the attack, is not incidental — it is the exhibit's most telling detail. A movement that responded to the murder of 15 Jewish Australians by holding a rally with 'Zionism is Terrorism' placards is not a movement that has reckoned with the relationship between its rhetoric and the violence that rhetoric has inspired. That reckoning is precisely what the Royal Commission into Antisemitism and Social Cohesion was established to enable.

Case study: causal Antisemitism in the federal court

The Jewish/Israel/Zionist lobby trope

This case study is submitted as supplementary material and further evidence of institutional entrenchment of common anti-Jewish tropes. All quoted passages are drawn from documents forming part of the public record of *Lattouf v Australian Broadcasting Corporation* (NSD189 of 2024), Federal Court of Australia.

Lattouf v Australian Broadcasting Corporation: the 'Jewish Lobby' trope inside a federal court

Overview

The Federal Court proceedings in *Lattouf v ABC* (NSD189 of 2024), decided by Justice Darryl Rangiah on 25 June 2025, provided a telling window into the adoption of Antisemitic tropes in the Australian court system. Discovery produced sworn affidavits, internal emails, and contemporaneous records from the ABC's most senior executives. What those documents reveal — set out in full below — is that the Antisemitic trope of 'the Jewish lobby' was used casually, repeatedly, and without apparent discomfort by ABC staff and management at every level of the organisation.

This case study does not concern the merits of the Lattouf termination itself. It concerns what the litigation exposed: that ABC staff — from producers on the floor to the Managing Director — reached instinctively for an age-old Antisemitic slur to describe Jewish Australians who exercised their democratic right to write to a publicly funded broadcaster with a complaint.

The 'Jewish lobby' trope does not describe a lobby. It describes Jews — and it does so in the language of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a fabricated Antisemitic conspiracy polemic. The casual, institution-wide use at the ABC is not a semantic dispute. It is evidence of institutional Antisemitism.

The Complaints

Between December 2023 and January 2024, between 40 and 60 members of the Australian public wrote to the ABC expressing concern about whether the engagement of Antoinette Lattouf as a presenter of a flagship ABC current affairs radio program was consistent with the ABC's statutory obligations of impartiality, given her prior and publicly available social media commentary in the weeks after October 7 — including posts describing what she characterised as 'Zionist lobby intimidation' of journalists and an article for Crikey that sought to downplay the Antisemitic nature of the chanting at the Sydney Opera House on 9 October 2023.

Those complaints were a small fraction of correspondence received by the ABC that year. The ABC received approximately 25,000 complaints that year. Several dozen Jews wrote letters expressing their concern to the ABC (the number is believed to be approximately 30–40 such letters). These Lattouf-related complaints constituted approximately 0.002 per cent of the total number of complaints received by the ABC that year. That is not a lobby. In any statutory or democratic sense, that is a handful of citizens writing to a government body.

In a democracy, members of the public — including Jewish Australians — are entitled to write to a taxpayer-funded statutory body with a complaint. The Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth) and the framework of Australian anti-discrimination law do not distinguish between the legitimacy of complaints based on the ethnicity of the complainant. The label applied to those complainants inside the ABC did.

The Trope: 'The Jewish Lobby'

Trope Classification: The Hidden Hand / Jewish Lobby — The false accusation that Jews exercise disproportionate, covert, and illegitimate collective power over institutions, governments, and public life against the national interest. Direct lineage from the Protocols of the Elders of Zion and Nazi propaganda. Documented as a core Antisemitic trope by the IHRA working definition of Antisemitism.

The word 'lobby' — in its neutral political-science usage — denotes an organised group that seeks to influence policy or institutional decisions, typically with sustained resources, professional coordination, and strategic intent. The Minerals Council of Australia is a lobby. GetUp is a lobby.

Several dozen people sending individual emails to a public broadcaster do not constitute a lobby by any definition in political science, based on legal definitions, or common usage of the term 'lobby'. The application of the word 'lobby' to those individuals — and specifically its modification by 'Jewish' or 'pro-Israel' — performs an entirely different function. It signals that the complaints carried an illegitimate collective character: that the complainants were acting not as citizens but as agents of a group interest that the ABC was entitled, even obligated, to resist.

It implies agendas beyond the concern of the letter writers — that hiring an outspoken online activist to run a flagship current affairs program was a breach of the ABC's statutory obligations. This is a position which ABC's senior management shared after reviewing some of Ms Lattouf's social media activity.

That signal — that Jewish complaints to a public institution are inherently suspect, coordinated, and illegitimate — is the Hidden Hand trope. It has operated as a vehicle for Antisemitism for centuries. Its appearance in sworn affidavits, internal emails, and the reasons for judgment of a Federal Court is not a coincidence of language. It is evidence of institutional character.

The Evidence

The following passages are drawn from sworn affidavits, internal ABC communications, and the Federal Court's reasons for judgment (2025 FCA 669). All are part of the public record of these proceedings.

EXHIBIT 1: David Anderson (ABC Managing Director) — internal email to Ita Buttrose

Source: Affidavit of David Anderson (2024.10.14), Paragraph 82 | Reproduced: Affidavit of Ita Buttrose, Paragraph 32 | Reasons for Judgment, Paragraph 519

“If we do remove her, there will be claims of doing so without cause given her position on the Middle East was widely known prior to her engagement, we have caved to pro-Israeli lobbying, and she hasn’t actually breached impartiality this week.”

Anderson was the Managing Director and Editor-in-Chief of the ABC. This email was sent to Ita Buttrose, the Chair of the ABC Board. The framing is telling: Anderson does not question whether it is appropriate to characterise Jewish complainants as a ‘lobby.’ He uses the term without qualification, as institutional shorthand, in correspondence with the nation’s most senior public broadcasting executive.

EXHIBIT 2: Elizabeth Green (ABC Senior Manager) — Recorded Conversation with Lattouf

Source: Affidavit of Elizabeth Green (2024.10.14), Paragraph 48 | Reasons for Judgment, Paragraph 375

“I haven’t seen the complaints but I have been told about them, I imagine they’re from lobbyists.”

Source: Affidavit of Antoinette Lattouf (NSD189of2024), Paragraph 27 | Reasons for Judgment, Paragraph 376

“We have received heaps of complaints from pro-Israel lobbyists who are not happy that we have put you on air.”

Two accounts of the same conversation record Green characterising the complainants as ‘lobbyists’ before she had even read a single complaint. The categorisation was not derived from evidence — it was an institutional assumption applied to Jewish complainants as a class.

EXHIBIT 3: Stephen Ahern (ABC Local Radio Manager) — Affidavit and Internal Email

Source: Affidavit of Stephen Ahern (2024.10.14), Paragraph 74(c)

“Ms Green raised the matter of ‘the Jewish lobby’ making the complaints, but I did not enter into discussion about that with her.”

Source: Affidavit of Stephen Ahern, Tab 44 — Email to Chris Oliver-Taylor, Ben Latimer, Simon Melkman | Reasons for Judgment, Paragraph 442

“One of the experienced producers asked did the ABC cave in to the Jewish lobby, I explained that this was about a breach of ABC policies and that Antoinette had been asked not to post about it but had done so.”

Ahern’s affidavit records two separate instances of the ‘Jewish lobby’ framing: once from Green directly, and once from a senior producer on the floor — the latter reported to the most senior levels of ABC management in a contemporaneous email without comment or correction. The fact that an experienced ABC producer’s first instinct, on learning of Jewish complainants, was to reach for this framing tells us something about institutional culture.

EXHIBIT 4: The Suppression Order — Nine Complainants, Ten Years

On 25 June 2025, concurrent with handing down its judgment, the Federal Court issued a suppression order protecting the identities of nine individuals who had complained to the ABC about Lattouf. The order runs for ten years.

The judgment describes these individuals as participants in an ‘orchestrated campaign’ — language that embeds the ‘lobby’ framing within a judicial finding. At the same time, they have been granted decade-long anonymity. The effect is a finding that brands Jewish complainants by group while simultaneously concealing their individual identities from scrutiny — an outcome that satisfies neither transparency nor fairness.

This Commission should note the procedural asymmetry: the complainants’ names are suppressed, but the characterisation of their conduct — ‘orchestrated,’ ‘lobbyists’ — is published in a Federal Court judgment that is a permanent part of the Australian legal record.

EXHIBIT 5: The Self-Reinforcing Loop — Lattouf’s Own Language

It is relevant that the ‘lobby’ framing did not originate solely within ABC management. Lattouf’s own affidavit and exhibits show her using the same language prior to and during the events in question.

Exhibit AL-4 (Lattouf Affidavit), Instagram post, 28 October 2023

“Locally, I have many journalist friends who are being intimidated behind the scenes by pro #Israel lobby groups.”

Exhibit AL-7 / AL-11 — Email from Lattouf to Elizabeth Green

“I appreciate the difficult position lobby groups are putting you in...”

The ABC and Lattouf thus shared a common vocabulary: Jewish Australians expressing concerns about impartiality were ‘lobby groups’ before any individual complaint had been assessed on its merits. The trope had been internalised by all parties — which is precisely what institutional Antisemitism looks like when it operates below the threshold of conscious prejudice.

The Broader Pattern: John Lyons and the ABC's Senior Correspondent

This Commission should note that the casual use of the 'Jewish lobby' trope within the ABC is not confined to the Lattouf case. John Lyons, one of the ABC's most senior foreign correspondents and a former head of the Jerusalem bureau, has a documented public record of deploying the 'Jewish lobby' framing in commentary and reporting. The Lattouf case affidavits provide a snapshot of internal culture in a moment of institutional crisis. The consistency of that language — from Managing Director to Chair to floor producer — suggests a vocabulary that predates and will outlast this single case.

Legal significance: Antisemitism embedded in a federal court record

Justice Rangiah's judgment is a permanent part of the Australian legal record. Paragraph 289 of the reasons for judgment invokes the purpose of the Fair Work Act as preventing dismissal at the 'behest or encouragement of political lobbyists.' The language of 'lobbyists' — applied throughout the judgment to describe the Jewish complainants — thus has a second-order effect: it institutionalises the trope within Australian fair work jurisprudence.

A future employer facing complaints from Jewish employees, community members, or advocates now has a Federal Court precedent that describes organised Jewish engagement with institutions as 'lobbying' within the meaning of protective workplace legislation. That outcome — embedding the suggestion that Jewish communal advocacy is a form of improper institutional pressure — is Antisemitic, whatever the court's intentions.

Finding: The Lattouf v ABC Federal Court proceedings placed sworn testimony, internal emails, and judicial findings into the permanent public record that deploy the age-old Antisemitic trope of 'the Jewish lobby' to describe several dozen Jewish Australians who exercised their right as citizens to write to a publicly funded broadcaster with a complaint. The trope was used without apparent discomfort by the ABC's Managing Director, a senior manager, a senior producer and other staff.

It is important to note at this point that these are the internal communications we know about purely because they were obtained via the discovery process for the Lattouf v ABC case and were entered into the public record. The full extent of the use of this Antisemitic slur within the ABC is not known.

Furthermore, there is an obvious question that needs to be considered: if ABC staff associate Jews with conspiracies and malevolent intentions even when writing letters of complaint, does that impact on the ABC's coverage of issues — for example, of the Gaza and Lebanon conflicts, and indeed of Antisemitism in Australia? It is worth noting that the Jewish editors and writers of the book *Ruptured* — which documented the experiences of Australian Jewish women after the October 7 massacre — could not get interviews or coverage by the ABC for months, essentially until after Bondi and the calling of this Royal Commission. A book written by women documenting their experiences of trauma would

not normally be ignored by the ABC if it had been written by any other women — Sudanese, Muslim, Palestinian, First Nations. There is an important question that needs to be answered as to whether the casual use of Antisemitic tropes by ABC editorial staff is indicative of Antisemitism that seeps into the ABC's coverage, as well as other aspects of its operation such as hiring and promotions.

Finding: The consistent, unremarked use of the term 'lobby' in relation to Jews across the ABC's internal hierarchy is evidence of institutional Antisemitism within a major Australian public broadcaster.

Finding: The ABC's internal communications, as revealed in discovery, show that Jewish complainants were categorised as 'lobbyists' before their individual complaints were assessed. That pre-categorisation — applying a pejorative collective identity to Jewish Australians on the basis of their ethnicity before examining the content of their views — is the Hidden Hand trope in operational form.

Finding: The Federal Court's reasons for judgment adopt the 'lobby' framing in a way that embeds it in Australian fair work jurisprudence. This is an Antisemitic outcome in the legal record, regardless of the court's intentions, and one that this Commission should consider in the context of its recommendations regarding the use of Antisemitic tropes in institutional settings.

Recommendation: external investigation into institutional Antisemitism at the ABC

This Commission should recommend an independent external review of the ABC's internal communications — including emails, meeting summaries, editorial guidance, and complaint-handling records — to determine the extent to which Antisemitic terms and tropes, including 'the Jewish lobby,' 'pro-Israel lobby,' and functionally equivalent language, are used to describe Jewish Australians who contact the ABC with complaints or concerns.

The review should specifically examine:

- a. Whether comparable pejorative language is used to describe other ethnic or religious groups who write to the ABC with complaints — or whether the 'lobby' framing is applied selectively to Jewish complainants.
- b. The complaint-handling protocols applied to complaints from Jewish Australians, including whether any system exists for categorising such complaints differently from complaints by members of other communities.
- c. The editorial and cultural environment in which senior ABC staff, up to and including the Managing Director, found it unremarkable to use the 'Jewish lobby' trope in official correspondence.
- d. Whether the public record of named ABC staff and senior correspondents — including John Lyons — using this trope in public commentary reflects a broader institutional tolerance for Antisemitic language about Jews who engage with the broadcaster.
- e. Whether the use of pejorative Antisemitic slurs to describe Jews by the ABC is impacting its coverage of issues that affect Jews — such as the Gaza conflict, the Lebanese conflict, and indeed Antisemitism within Australia — and more broadly, whether it is impacting hiring and promotions by the ABC.
- f. An acknowledgement by the ABC that the casual use of such Antisemitic slurs by senior ABC staff is indicative of institutional Antisemitism, and a plan of action as to how it will change its organisational culture and values to eradicate such language.

If A is entitled to complain to a taxpayer-funded public broadcaster, and B is not — or if A's complaint is treated as citizen feedback while B's is categorised as lobby pressure —

the only variable being A and B's ethnicity, that is discrimination under the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth). The Lattouf record suggests that variable has been operative at the ABC.

Supplementary: When Antizionism becomes Antisemitism

Articles submitted for the consideration of the Royal Commission

At the opening of the Royal Commission, Senior Counsel Assisting Richard Lancaster SC stated that a key task of the inquiry is to identify when Antizionism becomes Antisemitism.

To assist the Royal Commission with that matter, we bring to its attention the reference list below. ***We note that if Antizionism and Antisemitism were a Venn diagram, one would see a single circle. They are formed from the same anti-Jewish bigotry.***

We urge Royal Commissioner Virginia Bell and Senior Counsel Assisting Richard Lancaster SC to read the some or all of the articles reproduced below, as we believe they would be illuminating for the work of the Royal Commission.

Antizionism as a modern form of Jew Hatred

**Goda, Norman J. W., The Genocide Libel: How the World Has Charged Israel with Genocide
Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism**

<https://isca.indiana.edu/publication-research/research-paper-series/norman-jw-godaresearch-paper.html>

Scaffolding Antizionism: The Hate We Missed, Jewish Journal

https://jewishjournal.com/cover_story/384910/scaffolding-anti-zionism-the-hate-we-missed/

Plots, Libels, Accusations: Fingers Pointed at Jews Go Back Centuries, JNS

<https://www.jns.org/plots-libels-accusations-fingers-pointed-at-jews-go-back-centuries/>

Antizionism is a totalitarian conspiracy theory rotting the West from within, by Allister Heath

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2026/05/06/Antizionism-totalitarian-conspiracy-theory-rotting-west/>

Archive: <https://archive.md/zISla#selection-2153.0-3801.4>

The Spectator UK 'Antisemitism is a Virus and it's Spreading'

<https://spectator.com/article/anti-semitism-is-a-virus-and-its-spreading/>

Archive: <https://archive.md/57gyz#selection-2205.0-2349.141>

UN Watch: Antisemitism and Antizionism in Middle Eastern state media & education

<https://unwatch.org>

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Protocols of the Elders of Zion

<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/protocols-of-the-elders-of-zion>

[Antizionism is a totalitarian conspiracy theory rotting the West from within \(full article\)](#)

By Allister Heath

What has happened to the progressive Left? It used to fight poverty, climate change and racism. Today, many of its adherents obsess about Israel, about Jews, about 'Zionism', and sound indistinguishable from the fascists and Black Shirts they once fought against.

Veterans of the Battle of Cable Street must be turning in their graves: like Squealer and Napoleon in *Animal Farm*, the far Left has transformed into those they once despised. It's now a case of 'four-legged anti-racism good, two-legged anti-Semitism even better'.

The degeneration is complete; the horseshoe theory of politics is confirmed. A group that bemoans Russian influence everywhere has swallowed uncritically a Soviet campaign of anti-Israel delegitimation launched in the 1950s for purposes of repression and Cold War realpolitik. Activists who claim they are immune from misinformation have embraced TikTok psyops. A modern movement is renewing the most ancient of hatreds. Trans advocates who dismiss religion as the 'opium of the people' collaborate with Islamists.

It's not Jews, we keep being told, it's the Israelis. If only they didn't 'overact', there would be no anti-Semitism; if only British Jews repudiated Israel, they would be left alone. The anti-Semites supposedly have no agency and merely respond to unbearable provocations. Everything about this narrative is a lie, and it will destroy the West if it succeeds in rotting our minds, warping our critical faculties and chasing away the Jewish diaspora.

There was once a legitimate debate about whether Zionism, the idea that Jews should again have their own state in their ancestral homeland, was the best way forward for the long-suffering Jewish people in the context of decolonisation and emancipation. Pogroms in Russia and the Middle East, the West's refusal to let in fleeing Jews in the 1930s, the Holocaust, the UN's creation of the State of Israel in 1948 and the expulsion of virtually all Jews from Muslim countries resolved that question. Zionism became the reality. Anti-Zionism was obsolete.

Yet anti-Semites, from the pro-Nazi ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem to the fools involved in setting up UNRWA to ensure the Israeli-Arab conflict couldn't be resolved, were having none of it. The KGB's Operations Zarathustra and Sionistskiye Gosudarstva culminated in the 1975 UN declaration that Zionism was racism, and the Western far-Left gradually realised the potential of that Big Lie.

Many activists have now embraced Antizionism, spelt without a hyphen to distinguish it from the traditional pre-1948 variety. It is a specific, modernised hate ideology with an eliminationist agenda that targets the state of Israel, and only Israel, for dissolution, projects upon it everything they loathe about the West, and comes with an entire, warped analytical framework. It is the new anti-Semitism for our times.

Just as Marxists thought ditching private property was the answer to everything, antizionists fixate on the world's only Jewish state, the abolition of which they believe to be the omni-solution to all of the world's problems (such as, to them, capitalism, militarism and sexism). They are indifferent to the plight of Muslims or other minorities in any other country; they only care about conflicts involving Jews. None of the 23 countries with Islam as state religion or the 53 majority-Muslim countries, or any Christian or other nation or 'ethno-state' is targeted: just the only Jewish state, seen as the purest embodiment of Western evil.

'From the river to the sea' antizionists promulgate a 'one state solution' whereby Jews are disarmed and become a minority again. The result would be ethnic cleansing, at best, and genocidal extermination at worst. The antizionists tell Jews to 'go home', but deny that anywhere is their home, and want to ensure they never have one. These Lefties are no better than far-Right fanatics who would expel all non-white people from the UK.

Anti-Semitic conspiracy theories always rest on incendiary libels designed to depict Jews as uniquely, unforgivably evil and to fuel violence against them. Antizionism claims Israel is committing a genocide against Palestinians, a new lie that it kills children (the original blood libel), enforces apartheid (a new untruth) and betrays every tenet of woke 'social justice' ideology.

Crucially, all of these claims are axiomatically unchallengeable under the totalitarian, anti-rational premises of 'postcolonialism'. Jews are redefined not as refugees (often from Arab lands) but, in an act of gross inversion, as 'white settler colonisers'. They are

oppressors, by definition, genocidal, self-evidently, and can never be victims. One doesn't need to prove this; asserting it is sufficient.

Fake facts, decontextualisation and kangaroo courts can retrofit 'evidence' to 'confirm' these claims, but the narrative is set in stone, the conclusion pre-written. Karl Popper would have dismissed such an unfalsifiable theory as unscientific; Orwell would have decried the doublespeak, whereby essential concepts are rendered void of meaning by intellectual vandals.

Antizionism is a psychosis dressed up as a theory of justice, the ultimate pathological, nihilistic, anti-Western brew, a disgusting concoction of Marxism, Leninism, Maoism, Third Worldism and critical theory, fused together with aspects of Nazism, Christian anti-Semitism, Islamism and Cold War Soviet nostrums.

The genocide libel justifies doing to Israel what the allies did to the Nazis. It trivialises the Holocaust, absolving Europeans of residual guilt. It banalises the actual genocidal behaviour of Islamist countries. It redefines normal military practices as illegitimate, making self-defence impossible. It rewards Hamas's monstrous human shield strategy. It rationalises intifada terrorism as freedom-fighting.

Antizionists support a neo-Inquisition that identifies and cancels Zionists. They want to force British Jews to denounce Israel, to renounce friends and family, to pass a purity test. Modelled on the Cultural Revolution's struggle sessions and the 'taking of the knee' ritual, antizionists celebrate 'good Jews', in politics or the arts, who have turned against Israel, who have proved their loyalty, who 'converted', who humiliated themselves.

The antizionists have blood on their hands. Their lies have worked. They have radicalised white Lefties, and emboldened recently arrived extremists. The hatred is atavistic, and follows the pattern of a social contagion. Each time Israel is attacked, UK anti-Semitic violence instantly surges. Anti-Jewish pogroms trigger more Jew-hatred, especially when Israelis are raped and butchered.

Psychologists call this arousal transfer: one violent act heightens other people's aggression level. Like sharks smelling blood in the water, violence against Jews triggers a quasi-ecstatic reaction in sick minds, and a collective bloodlust ensues. Maniacs detect

weaknesses, and go in for the kill. Many suffer deindividuation: they lose their sense of self, and join in the mob.

Is that who we have become? Is the Leftist-Islamist alliance here to stay? Is anti-Semitism the New Normal? I refuse to accept it. This is not Britain. This is not us.

Antisemitism is a virus — and it's spreading (full article)

By Spectator UK

To eradicate a virus, one needs precision. The origin of the threat needs to be identified, as do the circumstances of its incubation and spread, and the vulnerability of specific hosts. The wrong response risks making things worse.

Anti-Semitism is a virus, and, as the late Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks explained, one that mutates over time. Originally, it was a religious prejudice; post-Enlightenment, it developed into a racial hatred, fuelled by a twisted version of social Darwinism. It was thought that after the unique evil of the Holocaust, the single greatest crime in history, when man became wolf unto man, the virus had at last been defeated.

But in our own time a new variant has emerged. Anti-Semitism now finds its most vigorous form in hostility to the expression of collective Jewish identity, the Jewish home: Israel. It is customary in debates around contemporary anti-Semitism to maintain there is nothing inherently anti-Semitic about criticising Israel. That is true. But what is striking is just how much criticism of Israel is anti-Semitic. The very existence of Israel is called into question. That is what anti-Zionism means. No other state on Earth has its right to exist debated so vehemently. The partitions and border re-drawings that followed two world wars generated tensions and conflicts elsewhere, to be sure. But no one calls for an end to Pakistan or the erasure of Jordan. A double standard is applied — one of the oldest markers of anti-Semitism.

More than that, Israel's actions, especially in its own defence, are held to a different standard than other nations. Israel's neighbours sought to strangle it at birth. They have, at different times, hosted and funded terror organisations pledged to the elimination of Jewish communal existence. On 7 October 2023, Hamas, funded by Iran, inflicted on Israel the gravest loss of Jewish life since the Holocaust. In response, Israel has sought to quell that threat to its people and their survival.

That conflict has been ugly and many more innocents have died. But there has been a contrast between Israel and its enemies, and indeed its detractors. The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) have sought, albeit imperfectly, to minimise civilian casualties. Hamas has worked to maximise them. Detailed work by Lord Roberts of Belgravia for a House of Lords committee has shown how Israel, engaged in the difficult work of urban counter-

insurgency, has managed to limit casualties below the level seen in other similar conflicts, including those in which British or American troops were engaged.

But such restraint, which necessarily involves a greater risk to Israel's own soldiers, has not brought Israel any greater understanding. Instead, the allegation that it is engaging in a genocide has grown in vehemence and volume.

Two strands of anti-Semitism are at work here. The first is the demand that Jews live on terms set by others: they can win sympathy as victims but never understanding, let alone support, when they assert their right to self-defence.

The second is the desire to go further and to erase any historic sympathy for the Jewish people's plights by making them the equals of their past oppressors — the new Nazis, the *génocidaires* of our time.

The conflict in Gaza has led to understandable concern across the world and a desire for peace. Every soul in suffering calls to us in our hearts. But what has been striking — on our streets, on social media, across the West — has been the way in which protests against conflict have become, so quickly and comprehensively, vehicles for prejudice. Cries to 'globalise the intifada' are heard at pro-Palestine marches, accompanied by imagery designed to inflame hatred of Jews — individually and collectively. The marches, and the memes, have become the means by which the virus has spread.

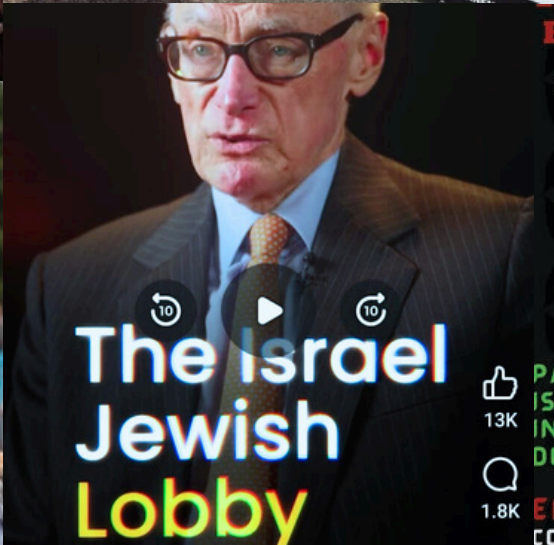
A healthy society should have a political immune system robust enough to see off this danger. But our own has been weakened over time. Radical left thinking, and especially the enduring influence of writers such as Frantz Fanon and Edward Said, has induced in the West a set of beliefs peculiarly vulnerable to modern anti-Semitism. Colonialism is the greatest evil, privilege and success evidence of injustice, neo-liberalism a lie that cloaks exploitation.

Israel's success, against the odds, as a pluralistic, democratic, law-bound free-market state stands as a rebuke to those who want to shame the West and its values. That Israel is a land formed by asylum-seekers and refugees, with almost no natural resources, and that it outdoes in growth, freedom and opportunity every state from Tangier to Tehran, is a powerful refutation of the post-colonial left's world view. And so its success is attributed to wickedness, exploitation and oppression. Thus another anti-Semitic trope is

disinterred from the grave in which it should have been left to rest. The misery of others is down to the rapacity of the Jews.

This sentiment — that your misfortune can be explained by the success of Jewry — has been weaponised by populists in the past. And it has been repurposed for the 21st century by Islamists searching for whom to blame for the misfortunes of the Muslim world, radical leftists looking for a villainous face to personify neo-liberal greed, a far right searching for a guiding intelligence behind their 'Great Replacement' theory, and conspiracists of all stripes in pursuit of a hidden hand to blame.

Standing against this hatred, these ideologies and this wickedness is the democratic duty of all of us and the principled fight of our times.



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