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Committee publishes report on measures to prohibit slogans that incite hatred

A report from the Legislative Assembly Committee on Law and Safety has recommended that the NSW Government consider legislation to proscribe the phrase 'globalise the intifada', noting that the phrase may be perceived as an incitement of violence against Jewish people.

The report, which was tabled on 30 January 2026, acknowledges that the term 'intifada' has a complex history. However, in the wake of the Bondi attack, and rising antisemitism more broadly, the Committee notes that the threat context has changed.

"We understand that, for many people, the term 'intifada' cannot be separated from its history of violence against Jewish people. Calls to 'globalise the intifada' are understood and experienced as an incitement of this violence on a broader scale," said Committee Chair Edmond Atalla.

"The Committee is of the view that proscribing chants to 'globalise the intifada' would recognise the violent history associated with this phrase, and the way in which it may impact the perceived safety of the Jewish community in NSW. Legislating to proscribe the phrase will put beyond doubt that the chanting of this phrase in public is unacceptable," Mr Atalla added.

The report considers measures taken in other jurisdictions in relation to hate speech, including the existing legislative framework in NSW and in the United Kingdom. While there are existing provisions in the *Crimes Act 1900* (NSW), the Committee found that these provisions are limited with respect to the phrase 'globalise the intifada'.

The report makes 5 recommendations in total, including that the NSW Government:

- consider legislation to proscribe the phrase "globalise the intifada"
- monitor developments in relation to hate speech laws in the United Kingdom and at the Commonwealth level
- consider taking steps to reduce the potential for legal challenge of any proposed legislation (for example, by specifically linking the use of the phrase with a particular harm and ensuring that the legislation is reasonably appropriate and adapted to its legitimate purpose)
- ensure that an independent review of any new legislation is undertaken 12 months from the commencement of the relevant provisions.

The Attorney General urgently referred the inquiry to the Committee on 22 December 2025, following the devastating terror attack at Bondi Beach on 14 December 2025.

The Committee received 155 submissions from organisations (including community organisations) and subject matter experts. The Committee also received and considered a large number of submissions from individuals. While all submissions formed the body of evidence for this inquiry, the Committee agreed to only publish submissions from subject matter experts and organisations, due to the inquiry's short timeframe.

The full report is available on the [Committee's webpage](#).

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