

**Submission
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MEASURES TO PROHIBIT SLOGANS THAT INCITE HATRED

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AUSTRALIAN AZERBAIJANIAN ASSOCIATION (AAA)



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Subject: Parliamentary Inquiry into Hate Speech – Participation of the Australian Azerbaijani Community

Dear Committee Chair,

I write on behalf of the Australian Azerbaijanis Association (AAA) regarding the recently announced Parliamentary inquiry by the Committee on Law and Safety into the use of slogans directed at particular communities to intimidate, instil fear, or incite violence.

We acknowledge the importance of this inquiry and its stated Terms of Reference, particularly the Committee’s focus on community cohesion, public safety, and the protection of all Australians from hatred, intimidation, and violence.

We the Australian Azerbaijani community appreciate the opportunity to participate and to provide a submission reflecting our community’s lived experiences and concerns.

Our interest in contributing is informed by both past and recent incidents affecting members of our community, including racist incidents against Azerbaijani school-aged children. These incidents have caused distress and raised serious concerns regarding safety, intimidation, and social harmony. They underscore the importance of ensuring that the inquiry hears from a broad range of communities, including smaller or less formally represented groups.

The AAA is firmly opposed to all forms of racism, hatred, and discrimination. We are committed to peaceful coexistence, mutual respect, and harmony among all ethnic, cultural, and religious communities in Australia. We believe that open, balanced dialogue is essential to preventing further harm and misunderstanding.

We would welcome the opportunity to provide a calm, factual, and evidence-based submission that:

- supports the protection of communities from hatred, intimidation, and violence;**
- contributes constructively to discussions on the impact of slogans and rhetoric that may undermine community safety;**
- emphasises the importance of social cohesion while respecting the implied freedom of political communication under the Australian Constitution; and**
- draws on both local experiences and relevant international best practice.**



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We respectfully request guidance on the process for formally participating in the inquiry and lodging a submission on behalf of the Australian Azerbaijani community.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response and to engaging constructively with the Committee's important work.

**Kind regards,
Michael Oyta
President
Australian Azerbaijanis Association (AAA)**

