

**Submission
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MEASURES TO PROHIBIT SLOGANS THAT INCITE HATRED

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Allow me to formally introduce myself: I am James Stewart KABLE.

(a) I was born on Cammeraygal country (The RNSH) on May 29th, 1949. From age two till 16 I grew up in Gomeri country - in Tamworth. I attended Tamworth High School and was awarded a scholarship to Sydney University to become a teacher of English and History. I taught in Hay, in Deniliquin, in Inverell - then my wife and I travelled a wide swathe of the northern hemisphere and lived a half-year each in Spain and in (then) West-Germany. We returned to Australia - where I gained qualifications in teaching English as an Additional Language (then termed ESL) and gained a couple of Graduate Diplomas (Multicultural AND "Aboriginal" or Indigenous Australian) Educational Studies via Armidale. By the mid-1980s.

I taught immigrants and refugees at both secondary and adult level and spent from 1982-1984 as an Education Officer in a NSW Dept of Education Head Office Functional Directorate (Multicultural, First Australians ("Aboriginal") and Disadvantaged Schools) where as a Secondary ESL Education Officer I worked alongside colleagues in the "Aboriginal" unit such as Linda Burney and Lynette Riley. They inspired me to take up studies in that field at Armidale.

I taught some seven, eight years at Nelson Bay HS - north-east from Newcastle teaching English and History - then retraining via the University of Newcastle to teach Japanese and was for two years an official exchange teacher from NSW to Shimane-ken in Japan. Later I returned to Japan teaching for a further 14 years - English and aspects of Japanese History and establishing the YOSHIDA Shōin International Paedagogical Fellowship.

In 1990 I edited two anthologies for OUP: (Made in Australia - a reader/text for senior high English) studies; and An Arc of Australian Voices both designed to encourage the readers to see themselves as part of a culturally diverse Australia - equally inclusive of an understanding of and respect for its First Australians basis.

The Anti-Discrimination Board in the early 1980s (1984) ran a week-end Seminar Against Racism which I attended (at the time teaching with A.M.E.S - the Adult Migrant English Service) where I met one of the impressive seminar leaders Joanna Kalowski and its Director Carmel Niland and even began thinking of applying to become one of its officers but a move away from Sydney ended that. But as a result of that seminar week-end - with other like-minded teachers (state schools and TAFE and private) formed a group we called TAR (Teachers Against Racism).

This is MY expertise.

(b) And so I want to begin this submission by asking who it was who wrote the terms of reference for this - and more than that - who made the determination about who would be assessed as being a subject matter expert. As well as asking for an indication of the educational backgrounds and expertise of the politicians on the committee. To determine if they have the expertise to determine whose submissions will be printed.

(c) As for slogans inciting hatred. There aren't any that I have seen. There are slogans or at least one in particular specifically mentioned by Premier Minns which he says incites hatred - but when asked to define that one in particular - "intifada" - he was totally unable to do so because - well - because he knows what he knows!

Here is a definition I found in a quick search:

(i) "Intifada

is an Arabic word that means "uprising" or "shaking off." It refers to popular protest movements, particularly those against oppression, and is most commonly associated with the Palestinian uprisings against Israeli occupation."

It's not unlike the word "jihad" - for far too long incorrectly used as if some kind of war or attack on others when essentially it is as follows:

(ii) "Jihad is an Arabic word that means "exerting", "striving", or "struggling", particularly with a praiseworthy aim. In an Islamic context, it encompasses almost any effort to make personal and social life conform with God's guidance, such as an internal struggle against evil in oneself, efforts to build a good Muslim community, and struggle to defend Islam."

(d) That "our" media is permitted to play a role as mere messengers of politicians or of their owners (and I would include so-called "think tanks" here) is something which needs to be called out and regulated. It would be more correct to call most of them - including those of what is nowadays termed "the legacy press" - the true inciters of hatred in our state/nation.

(e) If I were a Palestinian I would have every right to want to shake off the cruelties of the Zionist Israeli state as it maintains a stranglehold on their existence - and as an Australian I support that right of Palestinians to shake off that oppression - and nowadays blatant genocide.

(f) And if this committee is not going to be more up-front about what it is seeking then I must assume that the right of Zionist Israelis to claim that from the river to the sea is their right - then it is equally if not more so the right of Palestinians to claim their ancient domain in the same words.

(g) Especially when one takes into consideration the fact that modern-day Zionist Israelis have no DNA connection to the Biblical Jews. The original and continuing Palestinians.

(h) Israeli Professor Shlomo SAND:

The Invention of the Jewish People

Sand's best-known book in English is *The Invention of the Jewish People*, originally published in Hebrew (Resling, 2008) as *Matai ve'eich humtsa ha'am hayehudi?* (מתי ואיך הומצא העם היהודי? When and How Was the Jewish People Invented?) and translated into English the following year (Verso, 2009).

Sand reconstructs how the myths of Jewish nationalism were forged by certain 19th-century historians, starting with Heinrich Graetz, who took the Hebrew Bible as a reliable historical source. Like early Zionists such as Israel Belkind, Sand dismisses the misconception of a massive exile of Judeans in the first century after Christ and argues that Palestinians are mostly descended from the Judean population of that time. All these arguments challenge the ideological foundations of the State of Israel.

In France, it received the "Prix Aujourd'hui", a journalists' award given to a non-fiction political or historical work. An English translation of the book was published by Verso Books in October 2009. The book has also been translated into German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Russian, and Slovene and as of late 2009 further translations were underway. As of 2009, *The Invention of the Jewish People* has been translated into more languages than any other Israeli history book.

(i) I was made aware of the book by one of my students in Japan - so presumable there is also a Japanese translation. Shlomo Sand is correct - no matter what the ideological Zionists might say. Their occupation of Palestine - aided and abetted by the British - and further - especially in more recent years post-1948 - by the US - for their own energy and other strategic and vested interests - is historically insupportable. They constitute an invader/occupier and now genocidal regime. We know it in Australia - the same kinds of theft of land, massacres, theft of children, Deaths in Custody and lack of accountability towards First Australians are now all on open display.

(j) This enquiry submission process is simply a kind of farce.

(k) What we should be looking at is not a slogan shouted in a rally and march - and despite my distance from Sydney and the mess of public transport most Sundays between where I live and Sydney - I have participated three times in the Hyde Park Rally (and once at Sydney University where students were expressing their support for Palestinians) and three times in the city marches including the one with an estimated 300,000 walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. While present I heard nothing which was anti-Semitic - in fact I walked alongside people who were descendants of Holocaust survivors, Jews wearing yarmulke/kippeh - one crocheted in the design and colours of a watermelon - others of so many backgrounds like myself (Anglo-Australian) but including First Australians, famous writers - and on the Bridge March - just in front of me - and under continuous attack by the Zionists bodies here in Australia - Mary Kostakidis, Bob Carr, Craig Foster and Julian Assange and his wife. And

there - and in Hyde Park - addresses from the podium - of Jews representing the pro-Palestine and non-Zionist Jewish Council of Australia.

(l) As an historian I know on which side of history I prefer to stand. I urge this body not to make any determination about any particular slogan - if the Premier can be as ignorant as he has shown himself - I cannot imagine that this body should be making any determination other than to close down this kind of witch-hunt.

(m) I would like to add here a short reading list for the committee to consider - and - please note - at least four of the five are Jewish:

(i) Israeli-born Miko Peled The General's Son - Journey of an Israeli in Palestine 2012

(ii) Austrian-born Shlomo Sand The Invention of the Jewish People - 2008/2009-English)

(iii) Welsh-born Asa Winstanley Weaponising Anti-Semitism - How the Israel Lobby Brought down Jeremy Corbyn 2023

(iv) Melbourne-born Antony Lowenstein The Palestine Laboratory - How Israel Exports the Technology of Occupation Around the World 2023

(v) Baghdad-born Avi Shlaim Three Worlds - Memoir of an Arab Jew 2024

(n) Surely there are enough provisions in the law - both NSW State and federally - to be able to charge those inciting racist and religious hatred without this particular committee looking to prohibit specific and/or otherwise loosely defined "slogans" - and without going to the undemocratic scenes now being witnessed in Britain where simply holding a cardboard placard whereon is written "I stand with Palestine Action" gets - so far - a couple of thousand - mostly aged and infirm citizens arrested - while a number of young people associated with that movement are close to death on hunger strikes in British gaols.

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