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Hello

Thank you for the transcript and thanks again for the opportunity to present at the inquiry.

Please see below responses to the supplementary questions.

Response to supplementary question one:

When there were significant increased incidents of racial hatred toward Aboriginal Australians during the Voice referendum, there was not a stand alone approach. Indeed, Aboriginal Australians consistently experience high levels of racism and to the best of my knowledge there is no special taskforce.

Remember the graffiti I spoke about at the Inquiry - "No Blacks or Jews". It's all racism and by addressing it collectively you encourage solidarity between First Australians and multi cultural migrant groups.

By all means resource more heavily addressing anti semitism when it is peaking, but frame this as an anti racism measure targeted at improving the lives of one migrant community within the context of multiculturalism. This approach prevents us becoming further isolated from other migrant groups.
It is also less likely to give license to perpetrators to legitimise stereotypes and tropes about Jews and power.

Response to supplementary question two:

How about the Oxford Dictionary definition, "Hostility toward and discrimination against Jews as a religious, racial or ethnic group". This is an easy to understand and accessible definition.
I can't see why this definition would be any less likely to protect Jewish students on campus from racism than the IHRA definition.

Warm regards

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