

TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NSW PARLIAMENT
PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 5-JUSTICE AND COMMUNITIES

INQUIRY INTO ANTISEMITISM IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Hearing: 19 May 2025

ANSWERS TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Coalition of Women for Justice and Peace

1. Q. Your submission opposes laws protecting synagogues from targeted protests. How do you reconcile the right to protest with the need to protect worshippers from potential intimidation?
A. Our submission does not oppose laws protecting synagogues. However, while it is crucial to protect religious spaces from security threats, external protests should not be characterised as either incitement to violence or intimidation. Protests outside places of worship are intended to influence, not intimidate.
2. Q. Would you support protests occurring outside mosques or churches during their services?
A. Yes, if such protests are calls for justice as, for example, with the protests that took place outside Catholic places of worship during the child abuse scandal.