

## **INQUIRY INTO ANTISEMITISM IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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As a member of the Australian Jewish community, I am aware of the rise in racist acts against both Jews and Muslims in Australia right now. However, antisemitism can only be effectively combatted as part of a broader anti-racism movement, in solidarity with others, rather than through criminalisation and law and order responses, and/or by the exceptionalisation of antisemitism. It is disingenuous to consider antisemitism as separate from other racism and I oppose the knee-jerk and completely unhelpful legislation criminalising antisemitism but doing nothing to combat other acts of racism.

Please stop seeing the Jewish community as homogenous. We are very definitely not and many of us oppose the exceptionalism of antisemitism to the detriment of other race-based acts in Australia. Australia has a problem with racism; go to the root of that first.