



JOINT COMMITTEES

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

**Review of the Exposure Draft Legislation: Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism
Bill 2026**

**PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday 14 January 2026**

**Committee Room 1R0
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
11.30 am	Executive Council of Australian Jewry Mr Peter Wertheim AM, co-Chief Executive Officer Ms Simone Abel, Head of Legal Office of the Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism Ms Annita Stucken, Assistant Director, Legal
12.15 pm	<i>break</i>
1.00 pm	Australian Human Rights Commission Mr Hugh de Kretser, President Dr Lorraine Finlay, Human Rights Commissioner Mr Giridharan Sivaraman, Race Discrimination Commissioner
1.30 pm	Mr Michael Pezzullo
2.00 pm	The Rule of Law Institute of Australia Mr Chris Merritt, Vice President Centre for Independent Studies Mr Peter Kurti, Senior Research Fellow
2.30 pm	Alannah & Madeline Foundation Ms Sarah Davies AM, CEO Mr Stephen Bendle, Senior Advocacy Adviser Gun Control Australia Tim Quinn, President Roland Browne, Vice President
3.00 pm	<i>break</i>
3.15 pm	Equality Australia Ms Heather Corkhill, Legal Director Mr Sanjay Alapakkam, Legal Policy Advisor
3.45 pm	Cattle Australia Dr Chris Parker, Senior Adviser National Farmers Federation Mr Chris Groves, Chair, Farming Systems Committee

4.15 pm	Australian National Imams Council Imam Shadi Alsuleiman, President
4.45 pm	Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Archdiocese of Brisbane Mr Will Redmond, Assistant Director, Public Policy National Council of Churches in Australia Ms Elizabeth Stone, General Secretary Bishop Michael Stead
5.30 pm	<i>Close</i>