



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	<b>Executive Council of Australian Jewry</b> 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
<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>break</b>
1.00 pm	<b>Australian Human Rights Commission</b> Mr Hugh de Kretser, President Dr Lorraine Finlay, Human Rights Commissioner Mr Giridharan Sivaraman, Race Discrimination Commissioner
1.30 pm	<b>Mr Michael Pezzullo</b>
2.00 pm	<b>The Rule of Law Institute of Australia</b> Mr Chris Merritt, Vice President  <b>Centre for Independent Studies</b> Mr Peter Kurti, Senior Research Fellow
2.30 pm	<b>Alannah &amp; Madeline Foundation</b> Ms Sarah Davies AM, CEO Mr Stephen Bendale, Senior Advocacy Adviser  <b>Gun Control Australia</b> Tim Quinn, President Roland Browne, Vice President
<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>break</b>
3.15 pm	<b>Equality Australia</b> Ms Heather Corkhill, Legal Director Mr Sanjay Alapakkam, Legal Policy Advisor
3.45 pm	<b>Cattle Australia</b> Dr Chris Parker, Senior Adviser  <b>National Farmers Federation</b> Mr Chris Groves, Chair, Farming Systems Committee

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