

Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism Bill 2026 - Submission January 2026

10-Point Actionable Plan to Combat Groups that Despise Western Culture in Australia

This plan outlines practical, step-by-step actions for government agencies, law enforcement, communities, and stakeholders to address groups that despise Western culture, such as radical Islamist organizations like Hizb ut-Tahrir, which advocate for a caliphate and reject democratic principles as incompatible with their ideology. It also targets far-right neo-Nazi groups like the National Socialist Network, which promote authoritarianism and white supremacy while undermining liberal democratic values.

The plan directly incorporates and builds on the provisions of the Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism Bill 2026, adapting its focus to anti-Western extremism through criminalizing hateful conduct that attacks core Western values like democracy, secularism, and individual freedoms; expanding visa powers; and establishing a national firearms buyback scheme.

The plan aligns with the bill's five schedules by emphasizing criminal law enforcement (Schedule 1), migration controls (Schedule 2), customs regulations (Schedule 3), firearms management (Schedule 4), and implementation transitions (Schedule 5), while extending to preventive and community-based measures for comprehensive impact.

1. **Strengthen Criminal Penalties for Anti-Western Hateful Conduct (Schedule 1 Alignment):** Enforce the bill's new federal offences for public incitement of hatred or violence against Western cultural institutions, such as democracy or secular governance, targeting groups that label these as "kufr" or illegitimate.

Action: Federal police to establish a dedicated task force within 3 months to investigate and prosecute cases, focusing on online radicalization by Islamist extremists and neo-Nazi networks. Mandate reporting from tech platforms and train 5,000 officers annually on recognizing anti-Western propaganda and symbols.

2. **Expand Visa Cancellation and Refusal Powers (Schedule 2 Alignment):** Authorize the Home Affairs Minister to cancel or refuse visas for individuals affiliated with groups despising Western culture, including those promoting caliphates or authoritarian regimes over democratic systems.

Action: Integrate AI monitoring of social media and public affiliations within 6 months, with expedited appeals limited to 14 days. Partner internationally to screen applicants from regions with active anti-Western networks, prioritizing threats from radical Islamist sympathizers.

3. **Enhance Customs Border Controls (Schedule 3 Alignment):** Update customs laws to intercept materials promoting disdain for Western values, such as literature calling for

the overthrow of democratic governments or digital content glorifying anti-Western violence.

Action: Deploy advanced scanning at major entry points within 12 months, training officers to identify propaganda from groups like Hizb ut-Tahrir or far-right extremists. Build a national database to track imports linked to such ideologies.

4. Implement National Firearms Buyback Scheme (Schedule 4 Alignment): Initiate a buyback program to remove firearms that could be used by anti-Western extremist groups in acts of violence against cultural symbols or institutions.

Action: Commit \$500 million over 2 years for voluntary buybacks with tiered incentives, collaborating with states to set up collection sites. Target recovery of 100,000 firearms in the first year, with bans on high-capacity weapons favoured by fringe groups.

5. Develop Transitional Rules and Support (Schedule 5 Alignment): Provide guidelines for smooth implementation, including compliance amnesties for individuals distancing from anti-Western groups.

Action: Release a public campaign within 3 months via media and community outreach to explain the laws. Offer legal support during transitions to avoid interrupting ongoing probes into extremist activities.

6. Boost Community Education and Prevention Programs: Invest in education to counter ideologies that reject Western values, emphasizing the benefits of democracy and pluralism in schools and communities.

Action: Fund \$100 million yearly for programs on civic education and cultural integration, partnering with affected communities. Require annual training for 1 million participants, monitored through a national system to reduce radicalization risks.

7. Establish a National Monitoring and Reporting System: Create a centralized platform for reporting incidents of anti-Western extremism, such as calls to dismantle democratic structures.

Action: Launch within 6 months with analytics to map trends, focusing on hotspots like urban areas with known group activities. Issue quarterly reports to guide resource allocation.

8. Foster Intercommunity and Civic Dialogues: Encourage dialogues to bridge divides and reinforce Western cultural cohesion against extremist narratives.

Action: Host government-sponsored forums monthly in key cities, involving diverse leaders to counter anti-democratic ideologies. Grant funding for 500 joint initiatives annually, engaging 100,000 people to promote shared values.

9. Enhance Online Platform Accountability: Compel social media to swiftly remove content from groups despising Western culture, with penalties under the bill.

Action: Implement regulations within 9 months requiring algorithmic detection of anti-Western incitement, with third-party audits. Share intelligence with tech giants on emerging threats from Islamist and far-right online echo chambers.

10. Evaluate and Adapt Through Ongoing Reviews: Perform annual audits to assess the bill's impact on reducing anti-Western extremism.

Action: Assemble a bipartisan expert panel to analyse incident data, visa denials, and buyback outcomes. Refine approaches based on evidence, aiming for a 30% drop in related activities within 3 years, with transparent public reporting.

This comprehensive 10-point plan, aligned with the Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism Bill 2026, provides a robust framework to counter groups despising Western culture in Australia—such as radical Islamist organizations like Hizb ut-Tahrir and far-right neo-Nazi networks—by strengthening criminal penalties for anti-Western incitement, enhancing visa and customs controls to prevent extremist entry, implementing a national firearms buyback to mitigate violence risks, and ensuring smooth transitions through supportive rules. Extending beyond legislation, it emphasizes community education, monitoring systems, intercommunity dialogues, online accountability, and ongoing evaluations to foster social cohesion, reduce radicalization, and achieve a measurable 30% decline in related activities within three years, ultimately safeguarding Australia's democratic values, secularism, and individual freedoms for a more unified society.

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