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Committee Secretary
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security
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Dear Committee Secretary

Re: Review of the listing of Hamas in its entirety and National Socialist Order as terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code*

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) makes the following submission in response to the Review by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) of the listing of Hamas in its entirety and National Socialist Order as terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code*. We consent to this submission being made public.

The ECAJ is the peak, elected, representative body of the Australian Jewish community. This Submission is also made on behalf of the ECAJ's Constituent and Affiliate organisations throughout Australia.

As regards the listing of Hamas, we agree entirely with the listing, and with the statement of reasons provided by the Minister for Home Affairs in Attachment C to her letter to the PJCIS dated 30.3.2022 which is [Submission 2](#) to the current Review. The listing is in accordance with Recommendation 1 made by the PJCIS in its [report](#) dated 12 October 2021 concerning its review of the former listing of Hamas's Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades. We also reiterate the reasons for listing Hamas in its entirety that were set out in our [submission](#) to the PJCIS dated 24 August 2021 as a part of that review.

As regards the listing of National Socialist Order (aka Atomwaffen Division), we agree entirely with the listing, and with the statement of reasons provided by the Minister for Home Affairs in Attachment C to her letter to the PJCIS dated 22.2.2022 which is [Submission 1](#) to the current Review.

We are happy to provide the PJCIS with any further information or input it may require from us.

Yours sincerely

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