

CENSURE MOTION

(by leave)

MINISTER:

To move—That the Senate—

- (1) Notes that:
 - (a) on Monday 24 November 2025, Senator Hanson engaged in behaviour in the chamber that was intended to vilify and mock people on the basis of their religion;
 - (b) Senator Hanson's actions were disrespectful to Muslim Australians;
 - (c) Senator Hanson's actions disrespected the Parliament and were inconsistent with the standards of behaviour that all parliamentarians have an obligation to uphold;
 - (d) Senator Hanson further disrespected the Senate by refusing to obey the ruling of the chair;
 - (e) the Senate then took the extraordinary step of suspending Senator Hanson for the remainder of the sitting day;
 - (f) Senator Hanson refused to comply with the Senate's order and leave the chamber, requiring the sitting of the Senate to be suspended; and
 - (g) Senator Hanson's actions were contrary to the standing orders, a blatant disregard for the authority of the Senate President and disrespected her Senate colleagues and the people they represent.
 - (2) Affirms that Australia has been built by people of every race and faith.
 - (3) Reaffirms that Australia is a nation that welcomes different races, religions and views, united by respect for each other and each other's right to live in peace.
 - (4) Rejects any attempt to vilify or mock people on the basis of religion.
 - (5) Reiterates its solidarity with those who have been vilified because of their faith.
 - (6) Reaffirms that all parliamentarians have a role to play in upholding appropriate standards of behaviour in Parliament.
 - (7) Calls on those who work in and report on this Chamber to ensure they are not causing harm or platforming harmful actions.
 - (8) Censures Senator Hanson for her actions, which do not reflect the opinions of the Australian Senate or the Australian people.
 - (9) Does not regard it as appropriate for Senator Hanson to represent the Senate as a member of any delegation during the life of this Parliament.
 - (10) Considers Senator Hanson's conduct in defying the ruling of the chair and refusal to leave the chamber following her suspension amounts to further disorder under standing order 203.
 - (11) Calls upon Senator Hanson to attend the Senate immediately to make an explanation or apology, of no more than 5 minutes, in accordance with standing order 203(3).
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