

## Part A. My Motivation for Making this Submission

1. I am of Indian heritage. I am an atheist. I am a layman on matters religious. I am an acknowledged expert on geopolitical and social issues. I am a long-standing promoter of human rights.

2. My professional background is set out at [RakeshAhuja.DownloadingMyMind.com](http://RakeshAhuja.DownloadingMyMind.com), reproduced at Annexure A.

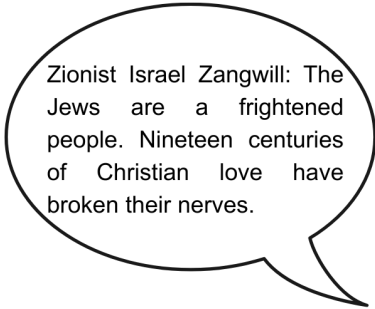
3. Ensnared in the undulating, snow-laden peaks of the Himalayas, I make this submission from the perspective of an 82-year-old who has witnessed Australian society's shift from the harsh White Australia days, through its embrace of Multiculturalism, to the present era of widespread social disharmony and polarised politics. Practical and credible solutions are needed to sustain a socially cohesive Australia - not band-aids over its fissures, of which this Royal Commission itself is one.

4. My observations on the ground in Australia confirm what blind Freddie would reconfirm: The increasing tensions between the Zionists among the Jewish community and (pro)Palestinians, giving rise to both antisemitism and Islamophobia - alongside an evident increase in racism. After 70 years, mistaken for a Muslim, betrayed by a beard and a confident gait, I can *feel* the quiet animus on the white Australian street. Hence, my sanctuary in the Himalayas. (Pauline will be pleased.)

5. I was a lifelong supporter of Israel, for personal and professional reasons. [The breadth and depth of my engagement with Jewish communities and Israel are set out in Annexure B](#). Back in the 1970s, I also had informal exchanges of views with several leading Israeli figures.

6. I believed that the welfare of the Jewish people and the protection of Israel's security were aligned with Australia's geopolitical and economic interests.

7. But nothing, nothing, prepared me for what is transpiring now. Israel's **methodical** genocide in Gaza, in retaliation for the barbaric Hamas attack of 7 October 2023, has immeasurably devalued the painful legacy of the **systematic** Shoah. Add to that its rampant destruction in Southern Lebanon in a calculated quest for a Greater Israel, and its roguish drive to become the regional hegemon – an objective pursued on the back of Christian moral guilt for centuries-long persecution of Jews in Europe culminating in the murder of six million of them by the Nazis.



Zionist Israel Zangwill: The Jews are a frightened people. Nineteen centuries of Christian love have broken their nerves.

8. I have now been compelled to reassess my decades-long stance that what is good for Israel is good for Australia. My principal concern is advancing a socially cohesive Australia and thwarting all drivers of cultural and social disruption – not just antisemitism. For example, please see [my article on the reasons for frictions with the Indian community in Australia](#).

9. This is the background to my decision to offer this Submission to you as a citizen of Australia.