

Part B. Focus only on Antisemitism

1. The Commonwealth Letters Patent to this Royal Commission instruct that its core mandate is to examine antisemitism and to make recommendations that “contribute to strengthening social cohesion in Australia.”

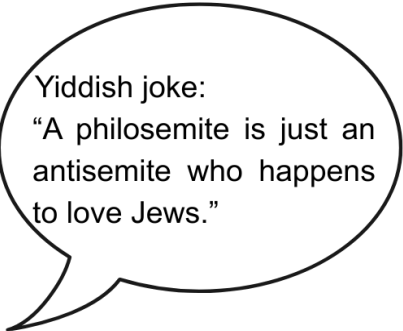
2. Antisemitism and social cohesion are, of course, tightly linked: antisemitism is both a symptom of weakened social cohesion and a direct threat to it. However, singling out only antisemitism, to which only a small minority — roughly 0.4 per cent — of the Australian population is subject, unequivocally suggests that antisemitism alone is the principal driver of social incohesion in the country.

3. I emphatically reject that premise. Antisemitism is but one of several anti-social forms of behaviour rearing its ugly head, no more or no less. It must be erased, as should be the other drivers that disrupt social cohesion.

4. But I am compelled to accept that in conformity with the Letters Patent, the Royal Commission:

- **Must prioritise** countermeasures against antisemitism rather than examine, *in toto*, what other measures are necessary to nurture social cohesion in Australia;
- **Must refuse** leave to Palestinian organisations to appear before it, even though all common sense suggests that the travails of the Palestinian and Lebanese people are the most likely cause of the rise of antisemitism in Australia;
- **Must invite**, instead, only witnesses of Jewish faith to recount their personal experiences of antisemitism. Over five days, no less;
- **Must ignore** the implications for social cohesion of the relentless racial discrimination that the First Nations people have experienced day after day since 1788;
- **Must ignore** the value of investigating the root causes and rise of all forms of racial vilification of today’s equivalent of yesteryear’s wogs, dagos and wops, which is visibly disrupting the country’s social cohesion today.....

... all this because Zionist Fundamentalists among the Jewish community of 170,000 souls in Australia have acquired the political influence to demand it,



Yiddish joke:
“A philosemite is just an antisemite who happens to love Jews.”

complemented by shrill voices of a few obtrusive philosemites.

5. In effect, exceptionalising antisemitism is a form of racism itself. It is equivalent to photographing a particular weed, studiously ignoring the others in the field.

6. Still, I accept that it is not my place to argue with the Commission's framing of its core mandate. Therefore, my submission focuses on antisemitism alone, which, alongside other forms of discrimination, must be thwarted for the sake of the common good and social cohesion among all Australians.