

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 5 – JUSTICE AND COMMUNITIES

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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ANTISEMITISM IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The NSW Legislative Council's Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Justice and Communities has commenced an inquiry into antisemitism in New South Wales.

The committee will consider the causes underlying increasing incidents of antisemitism across the state, and the threat that these incidents present to social cohesion.

The Chair of the committee, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, commented: 'The alarming rise in antisemitism, including record levels on university campuses and in schools, threatens both public safety and community cohesion.

'The committee will look into ways that the safety of the Jewish community New South Wales can be enhanced. This will include examining ways to improve security around synagogues, to help prevent antisemitic attacks on synagogues in the future.

'We are also tasked with exploring ways to protect individuals from the practice of "doxing", and how to improve the privacy arrangements around public information that can identify an individual or their home address.'

The Chair concluded: 'Recognising that Holocaust education is an important way to prevent antisemitism, the committee will also explore the role of the Sydney Jewish Museum in providing Holocaust education for students.'

The committee is calling for written submissions and will hold hearings in May and June.

For more information about this inquiry, including the committee membership and the terms of reference, see the <u>inquiry webpage</u>.

Have your say

Contributions to the inquiry can be made by <u>lodging a submission</u> by 11.59 pm on Sunday 6 April 2025.

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