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Re: Statement of Solidarity from Advocacy for Oromia.

On behalf of Advocacy for Oromia, we express our profound sorrow and unwavering solidarity following the horrific attack at Bondi Beach yesterday. This act of violence is an affront to our common humanity, inflicting unimaginable trauma and grief upon families, loved ones, and the entire community—a pain no one should ever have to bear.

That this targeted attack against Jewish Australians occurred on the first day of Hanukkah—a time dedicated to light, faith, and joy—makes it an especially disturbing act of hatred, antisemitism, and terrorism. Such violence strikes not only at one community, but at the very heart of Australia’s shared values: compassion, respect, and peaceful coexistence.

There is no place in our nation for hate, violence, or terrorism of any kind. The scars left by such acts are deep and lasting, affecting not only those directly involved but echoing through communities across the country, leaving many shaken, fearful, and heartbroken.

In this difficult moment, we call on all Australians to come together as one united people. Our strength has always resided in our diversity—in people of all faiths and cultures, from over 236 backgrounds, standing side by side in empathy and mutual respect. We stand firmly with our Jewish brothers and sisters and reaffirm our shared commitment to peace, dignity, and our common humanity.

Let us respond not with fear, but with compassion; not with division, but with unity. May we support one another, honour those who have been impacted, and continue building an Australia where every person feels safe, valued, and supported—in both body and mind.

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