



## Executive Council of Australian Jewry

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **ACBC and ECAJ Representatives Meet in Sydney**

The Ninth "Annual Conversation" involving Australia's Jewish and Catholic leaders took place at the Sydney Jewish Museum last week.

Representatives of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and the members of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Committee for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations began their meeting with a short tour of the Museum, which led to a discussion of the Shoah, the Nazi Genocide, and lessons one may draw from it.

Other matters discussed were the appropriateness of Christian celebrations of Passover Feasts, recent Vatican statements on matters of concern to the Jewish world and areas for cooperation in the future.



L-R: Bishop Issam Darwish; Bill Arnold; Grahame Leonard; Bishop Kevin Manning; Peta Pellach; Michael Brown; Mary Reaburn nds; Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett; Rabbi Gersh Zylberman; Bishop Michael Putney; Jeremy Jones.

The meeting was chaired by Jeremy Jones, Immediate Past President of the ECAJ, with the Bishops delegation led by Bishop of Townsville Michael Putney.

The other participants in the conversation were Bill Arnold, President of the ACT Jewish Community; Michael Brown, Executive Officer of the ACBC; Bishop Issam Darwish, Eparch of St Michael, Archangel; Bishop of Lismore Geoffrey Jarrett; ECAJ President Grahame Leonard; Bishop of Parramatta Kevin Manning; Peta Pellach of the ECAJ; Mary Reaburn nds; and Rabbi Gersh Zylberman of Temple Beth Israel.

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