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The Winograd Report is an Opportunity for Rebuilding

Grahame Leonard, President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the peak body of the Australian Jewish community, said today:

“There are two particularly significant aspects of the preliminary Winograd Report.

Firstly, the report clearly acknowledges the deficiencies in the conduct of Israel’s Second Lebanon War. This honesty is a triumph for the Israeli political system. There are few countries which are willing to criticise their leaders in such an open, productive and timely way. Certainly there is no other nation in the region where this could occur. Secondly, the report’s far-reaching and thoughtful examination provides an opportunity and framework for reflection and change that will ultimately benefit Israel and the peace process in the Middle East.

During last year’s conflict the people of Israel showed great resilience and courage, as they have done for the past fifty-nine years. Israel’s defenders won each encounter with Hezbollah. And despite the war, the economy continued to flourish. Israel remains a strong country committed to all its citizens and to peace with its neighbours. I am confident that the Israeli public will respond positively and constructively to the Winograd Commission’s analysis and recommendations.”

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