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AUSTRALIAN ANGLICANS AND JEWS DENOUNCE ANTISEMITISM

Under the Joint Chairs, Canon Ray Cleary and Grahame Leonard from the Jewish community, representatives of the two faiths gathered for their fourth Dialogue on Monday, November 19 2007.

The principal subject, and a matter of great concern to both faiths, was and remains antisemitism. This is a worldwide trend and distinct from increased violence in general against many faiths. There is particular concern with antisemitism as some of the very bodies charged with combating racism, especially the UN and some NGOs, actively promote antisemitism.

Security guards placed outside Jewish schools are there at the strong recommendation of the Federal Government, but this adds to the sense of trauma within the community.

The Dialogue noted the expansion of official dialogue between the two faiths, under the leadership of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Chief Rabbis of Israel. The more these meetings are held and expand to new areas, the greater sense of harmony and understanding.

The next meeting in May 2008 will be in Sydney at the Holocaust Museum.

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