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### **Jewish community leaders visit Canberra**

Jewish community leaders met on Wednesday with the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Shadow Foreign Minister and other Ministers, Shadow Ministers and other Members of Parliament about a range of issues of interest to the Australian Jewish community.

The group was led by Dr Danny Lamm, President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, Philip Chester, President of the Zionist Federation of Australia, and Jeremy Jones, Director of International and Community Affairs for the Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council, and included other senior communal leaders.

“We were most impressed by the high level of knowledge of all the political leaders we met about the issues we discussed with them and by the strength and depth of bipartisan sympathy and support for our community and its concerns,” said Dr Lamm.

“In these respects, the Australian Jewish community is among the most fortunate in the world”, he concluded.



(L-R): Jeremy Jones AM (Director, Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council), Philip Chester (President, Zionist Federation of Australia), the Hon Julia Gillard MP (Prime Minister of Australia), Dr Danny Lamm (President, ECAJ), the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP and Peter Wertheim AM (Executive Director, ECAJ)



(L-R): Robert Goot AM SC (Immediate Past President, ECAJ), Jeremy Jones AM (Director, Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council), Richard Balkin (President, State Zionist Council of NSW), the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP, Dr Danny Lamm (President, ECAJ), the Hon Kevin Rudd MP (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Philip Chester (President, Zionist Federation of Australia), Yair Miller (President, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies) and Peter Wertheim AM (Executive Director, ECAJ)



(L-R): Peter Wertheim AM (Executive Director, ECAJ), Yair Miller (President, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies), Robert Goot AM SC (Immediate Past President, ECAJ), Philip Chester (President, Zionist Federation of Australia), the Hon Julie Bishop MP (Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs), Dr Danny Lamm (President, ECAJ), Jeremy Jones AM (Director, Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council) and Richard Balkin (President, State Zionist Council of NSW)



(L-R): The Hon Julia Gillard MP (Prime Minister of Australia), Dr Danny Lamm (President, ECAJ)

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