



Anglican Church of Australia

General Synod

26 October 2026

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry
By Email: info@ecaj.org.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

Resolution of the Nineteenth Session of the General Synod Antisemitism and Social Cohesion

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia is the Church's national governing body with membership including bishops, clerical and lay representatives from 23 dioceses around the country.

Amongst other things, the General Synod is empowered to declare its view on matters affecting spiritual, moral and social welfare.

The Nineteenth Session of the General Synod was held on 9 – 14 August 2026 on the Gold Coast, Queensland.

On 13 August 2026 the Synod passed the following resolution and requested that its terms be conveyed to you:

Antisemitism and Social Cohesion

*The Very Rev'd Sandy Grant moving, Rev'd Dr Chris Porter seconding
General Synod, affirming that the Jewish people have been entrusted with the
ancient wisdom and oracles of our God:*

- 1. mourns the tragic events at Bondi in December 2025 and the distressing rise of antisemitism in our nation;*
- 2. prays for the Bondi community and the Jewish people of our nation;*
- 3. welcomes the establishment of the Royal Commission into Antisemitism and Social Cohesion and prays for the work of its Commissioner, the Honourable Virginia Bell AC SC, and commission staff; and*
- 4. pledges that our churches, schools, and agencies will play our part in combating antisemitism and all forms of racism, and in promoting social cohesion among our diverse nation.*

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The terms of the resolution have been conveyed to the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and also by the Dean of St Andrews Cathedral, The Very Rev'd Sandy Grant, to the Chief Rabbi of the Great Synagogue of Sydney.

Please be assured of my prayers for the Jewish community and my gratitude for the vital contribution it makes to the well-being of our nation. I encourage you to reach out to me if you believe there is anything I or the Anglican Church of Australia might do to preserve and protect its safety.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Short', with a cross symbol to the left.

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