



**Executive Council of
Australian Jewry**

Statement on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

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The Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ), the elected peak representative body of the Australian Jewish community, expresses its deep sorrow at the passing yesterday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

“The passing of Britain’s longest reigning monarch, Australia’s constitutional head of State, and the only British monarch to have served during the lifetimes of most Australians living today, is sad news for millions of people in Britain, Australia and throughout the Commonwealth, and beyond”, said ECAJ President Jillian Segal.

“Throughout her decades of dedicated service, Queen Elizabeth was a steady and reassuring presence through all the vicissitudes of a rapidly changing world. Her calm and dignified manner, and impressive grasp of British and international affairs, made her an influential, albeit unobtrusive, force for stability and humanity. She was a friend to the Jewish people and enjoyed the respect and affection of Australians of all backgrounds and all political affiliations”.

“We extend our condolences to her eldest son, and successor, King Charles III, and the entire royal family. May they find strength and comfort at this sad time.”

“We extend our best wishes to King Charles for a long and peaceful reign.”

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