



## **Australian Historical Association Statement on Universities Australia's Definition of Antisemitism**

The Australian Historical Association is staunchly opposed to antisemitism and all forms of discriminatory hate speech and action. We advocate for the ability of historians to produce excellent and ethical historical research, free from discrimination, vilification and the infringement of academic freedom (including direct political interference).

As such, the AHA is concerned that a proposed and enforceable Universities Australia definition of antisemitism moves beyond the matter of combatting hate speech and places new limits on scholarly scrutiny and criticism of Israel and Zionism by Australian academics. Such rules do not exist in relation to other nation states, faiths or political movements. The AHA is concerned that this new definition of antisemitism could restrict academic freedom, with negative impacts on teaching and research by historians in Australian universities.

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