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Statement from the President of the New South Wales Bar Association on Antisemitism



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The NSW Bar Association denounces yesterday's incident of antisemitic graffiti and property damage in Woollahra, the firebombing of the Adass Israel Synagogue of Melbourne on 6 December 2024, and the increasing antisemitic attacks occurring across Australia.

Violence and hatred towards anyone on the basis of their race or religion is reprehensible. Depending on the circumstances, a range of serious state and Commonwealth criminal offences may apply with substantial maximum penalties.

Jewish members of the Bar have made, and continue to make, a profoundly positive contribution to the administration of justice in New South Wales. Those members have the Association's full support.

The Association is committed to a safe and inclusive legal profession and a community free from all forms of vilification.

Maintaining community cohesion, individual and collective freedoms, and the rule of law, benefits all members of society. Attacking these values is an attack on us all.

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