

Submission to Royal Commission on Anti-semitism and Social Cohesion 2026

Problems and Solutions

In my professional work, I teach widely about worldviews and their influence on how we behave, individually and as groups and societies.

Subcultural groups and government departments are no exception.

How we handle behaviours coming from worldviews is a thread running through this submission. Here, I offer six core problems regarding antisemitism and social cohesion in Australia, and specific solutions to them.

1. Antisemitism Observed, and Security
2. Socialism
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4. Neo-Nazi and Nationalist Racism.
5. Indigenous divisions.
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1. Antisemitism Observed, and Security

I have observed tens of thousands of dollars worth of security annually at our local Jewish school and the J-Hub Centre. Nobody in Australia should have to spend money on this, and no school children should be allowed to feel that unsafe in society, for no reason other than their racial heritage.

Local Jews I know personally are withdrawing from non-Jews and have told me this is their cultural memory, to circle the wagons, expecting the culture to turn against them in another pogrom.

They should never have to feel that way here. The Australia I know should be as multiracial as can be.

Projecting one's disagreements with Israel onto local Jews is no excuse. No one projects disagreements with Russia onto local Russians. Why do it with Jews? This must belie an underlying antisemitic predisposition to be exposed.

Solutions:

W.A. police are a success story in that they have been quick to protect Jews and prosecute violence against them. This sends a message to the community that we will not allow antisemitism. I am sure this has reduced the amount of antisemitism seen in W.A. compared to the potential. They were able to use existing laws against incitement of violence, and regarding credible threats.

The degree to which other state forces did this inversely corresponds to levels of incitement to violence allowed and increased, especially from the protests spawned from outside the Sydney Opera House on October 9 2023.

The failure of Bondi was not about laws - we had and have sufficient laws to prevent violence and incitement. It was a failure in policing/enacting them. WA police used them. Others allowed the laws to be broken, thus encouraging further incitements.

Reinforce the Federal security operations with the collaboration and funding to respond to situations quickly. Prior to the Bondi massacre, the Prime Minister and associated government officials had degraded the National Security Committee's capacity to ministerially enable federal security responses. They also critically underfunded the previously functional ASIO, ADF, and AFP anti-terrorist bodies to a point of dysfunction.

The matter was addressed by Paul Scanlon, a former ADF tactical assault group commander and a veteran of several deployments with Australian special forces, in The Australian, Jan 9-10, 2025. And by Mike Pezzullo, who was secretary of the former Department of Immigration and Border Protection 2014 to 2017, then the Department of Home Affairs 2017 to 2023 (The Australian, Jan 18-19, 2026.)

The articles say that NSC was meant to be chaired by the PM. This Royal Commission must address this particular point of critical failure.

Retraining in discerning positive from negative worldviews and values. Federal forces and worldview experts can train government departments and officials about how to make sense of brute facts. The AFP, ADF, and ASIO, can and do specifically name threats from particular world views, religious or non. It is a matter of national security to do so. Government officials must no longer equivocate or blur the lines on worldview matters.

2. Socialism

Federal Labor self-identifies as socialist. Its general adherence to socialism does align with the apparent confusion of Labor leadership over what to do with the various religious values at play concerning antisemitism, Islam, and social cohesion.

Labor failed to discern between the antisemitic values of radical Islam, and the pro-Semitic values of the Judaeo-Christian heritage underlying Australian Federation. This is because socialism is anti-religious, meaning all religions are superfluous at best or counter-productive to their socialist project. That's why Labor's first draft of the Hate Speech Bill threatened to remove all religious freedom of speech. That would cause social division. This was only prevented by those who could discern good religion from bad religion - and from anti-religion, which is just as exclusive as bad religion.

If socialism sidelines all God-fearing 'religions', they will throw out the Judeo-Christian baby with the bathwater (see point 6.) Socialism in general, and Labor leaders in particular, fail to discern the importance of Christian values underlying Australian federation, let alone protect them. Observe Labor's similar attempts to silence religions in drafting their Misinformation and Disinformation Bill. And their compliance with parts of the Australian Law Reform Commission's denial of the right of Christian schools to employ Christian staff.

Socialism has a recurring blindspot regarding religious freedom, it prefers religious silence. This makes room for antisemitism and social division.

FIRIS (Freedom In Religions In Schools), a socialist lobby group I encountered last decade, campaigned and lobbied successfully for the **Victorian Labor government to remove religious education from government schools**. They tried in other states also.

This removal of RE *contradicted* the explicit recommendations of **Royal Commissions into Religious Education in Schools**, conducted in every state during the 1980s. Those Commissions all concurred that religious education was an especially positive influence for social cohesion, for good reasons, giving students an understanding of others' world views. Building social cohesion and undergirding positive Australian values.

FIRIS continued to campaign, and during the 2000s, fewer school principals and committees resisted for fear of being labelled (a socialist tactic) as religiously biased, and the Labor government removed RE from education.

Each year the increase in social dysfunction among Victorian youth demonstrates the error of this removal.

This loss of RE also reduced citizens' capacity to notice the socialist indoctrination of anti-Judeo-Christian values now growing unchecked in education and broader legislation. Coloniser/oppressor narratives, which are simplistic distortions of history, generate division.

A legislative creep from freedom to compulsion in socialist values-laden legislation and curricula. Socialist values about marriage, gender, childcare, abortion, oppression-based ideologies, and even the faith of workers in faith-based schools, have become the new morality. They constitute atheistic indoctrination in government schools. They are the new compulsory view to teach throughout society, with increasing punishments against those who will not teach them.

This is totalitarianism. Government moral over-reach into the totality of citizens' lives. A breach of freedoms of conscience and religion. It creates social division.

Pro-Palestinian activism in the West is driven by socialist actors in cooperation with radical Islamists. These rallies are, in fact, antisemitic rallies, by virtue of championing the antisemitic, anti-Western causes of the terrorist groups and regimes whose flags and faces they carry.

I encountered the violent hostility of such a group when I attended Perth's first "Never Again Is Now" rally. The contrast could not have been more stark between the calm, prayerful spirit of the anti-racist thousand that had gathered to protect our local Jews, compared with the angry, hate-filled, violence-inciting, sexualised shouting and intimidation from the mob, who were identified by their various shirts and posters as anti-Christian and socialists, even more than pro-Palestinian.

Solutions:

Repeal laws that compel compliance with novel socialist/atheistic values. At least allow the freedom to disagree with their ethics, and to teach according to

conscience. Christian values do not cause harm. Disagreement does not cause harm, hurt perhaps because no one likes conflict, but we must learn how to disagree in a civil way.

Religious education in schools as per the Royal Commissions in the 1980s. Their reasoning is not outdated but timeless, and their veracity is only supported by the consequences observed since then. There are plenty of capable trainers we can teach an appreciation of others' world views, train in civil conflict tools, and train in tolerance of differences that do not harm, are not violence-inciting. Train also in the discernment of inclusive good religion vs exclusive bad religion and anti-religion. Where currently do our future citizens learn such skills?

Also, directly evaluate socialism in the study of worldviews and history, for example, the worldviews driving national involvements in WW2.

Reduce the influence socialism can have in law and education, according to the Australian Citizenship Values, and even by reference to Judeo-Christian values. Numerous other countries are Socialist or Islamic, but relatively few remain based on Judeo-Christianity. We should respect that Federation expected Australia to be one of them, and protect that.

3. Radical Islam

Radical, like radish, comes from a word meaning 'root.' To national security agencies and those of us who study the nature and impact of world views, it is clear that the root of Islam accords with the life and teachings of Muhammad, who used war to proselytise and ultimately impose Sharia law upon everyone.

Radical Islamic values do not align with Australian Citizenship Values. They should be prevented from spreading as a matter of national security. In the same way that post-war Germany prevented Nazism from spreading.

It is good that some Islamic groups claim to align less with the root of Islam, and more with the Australian Citizenship Values expressed at citizenship ceremonies. But we should not equivocate this when bad/violent values are expressed by particular groups.

Refusing to name the problem for fear of offending only makes us more vulnerable to the problem.

Solutions:

Teach how to name bad values without vilifying. Learning to discuss with nuance enables us to identify the values at odds with ACV, and not over-generalise. It teaches us how to discern common humanity and freedom of conscience, from dangerous values.

We must learn from the many other countries where violent Radical Islam has been allowed to grow. All the countries of the Middle East, Northern Africa, and Asia. They can show us how they have restricted its growth, or what mistakes they made in their failure.

Sanction and prosecute the expression of bad/violent values, expressed in violent acts or incitement of violence toward other people groups. This may sound difficult, but in fact it is essentially what legislation and policing seek to do anyway.

In legislation, use Australian Citizenship Values as a reference point. We could use this at the point of immigration. National security already uses generalisations to make risk assessments, regarding persons' values and likelihood of criminal offence. We can and should do this for public policy decisions that will either enable the promotion of bad values or not.

In education, reinforce the positive Australian citizenship values, and openly respect the historical fact that they came from a Judeo-Christian reference point, which in turn should at least be respected whether or not a person subscribes to that faith.

4. Neo-Nazi and Nationalist Racism

At root, 'Nazi' is a shortening of the Nationalist Socialist Party, making it ironic that this gets called far right. "Socialist" belies the atheistic humanism in the worldview (which some understate as secularism.) "Nationalist" is why some people call it 'right-wing,' because it prioritises their nation above all others. The white race was also seen to be superior due to Darwinism.

Like Radical Islam, this exclusive Nationalism is another worldview that has incited violence toward others based on race or other human aspects, in order to protect the nation.

Again, refusing to name this worldview for fear of offending only makes us more vulnerable to it.

Solutions:

Teach how to name bad values without vilifying. Learning to discuss with nuance enables us to identify the values at odds with Australian Citizenship Values, and not over-generalise. Teach how to discern common humanity and freedoms of conscience, from dangerous values. To value the good values over race & nation.

Learn from Germany & Italy where violent Nazism was allowed to grow. How they overcame it post-war. How they restricted its growth, what mistakes they made in their pre-war failure. These are on historical record, not secret.

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5. Indigenous Division

The indigenous divisions are not about race, as if the problem is some Darwinian hereditary disadvantage. Two-thirds of Aboriginal people are well-integrated and respected across Australian societies.

A citizenship double-standard divides us.

On public transport, I have often seen Indigenous people refuse to pay by simply staring down the driver, daring him to ask for a fare like anybody else, demanding a special citizenship standard to apply to them. This intimidation made all of us other passengers feel unsafe. And resentful. Social division.

I have seen other indigenous people call out this double standard, at least in Darwin. But not in Perth, where most of us are still too intimidated to speak up for unity.

In welcome to country and acknowledgement of country protocols, I can feel the division of this citizenship double-standard. This division is not caused by racism, but by misgivings about what is actually being claimed in the protocols. Are Australians ceding sovereignty to Aboriginal locals? Have Aboriginals assumed a certain ownership that applies exclusively to them, not other citizens? Who declares who has this right, and what about the irrevocable fusions of bloodlines and histories that cannot be untangled? All this social division is ironically caused by a welcome, which therefore must seem disingenuous.

Some Aboriginal activists seem to seek Sovereignty over Australia. This would be regressive because of the fusion of many bloodlines, cultures and interests now born here. So many of us belong here, nowhere else. This fusion was historically bound to happen. There is no going back, only going forward now together.

Tony Abbott's History of Australia does a good job of describing the tangled mess of interests that resulted in today's fusion, with and despite all the best of intentions. Now we are together. What future will we make?

Many socialists promote indigenous division in terms of the oppressed vs the oppressor. Their impact is also seen in indigenous communities lacking private property ownership, elevated dependence on the state, and the way some leaders become "more equal than others."

Solutions:

Expose the socialism and replace it with a unifying and productive narrative and workforce. This fusion of blood and history had to happen. And now the only positive future requires us to work together as this new nation.

Larrakia Cultural Protocols in Darwin are promoted widely and publicly, so that everyone, Larrakia and non, knows what is and isn't expected of local indigenous people as well as towards them. This is a good idea. It helps clarify and defend fair expectations.

Terms should be nuanced where nuance is due. Terms like "ownership." And what is "cultural authority," vs that of other cultural groups living there? Some terms need to be tempered with nuance in the cause of a unified future.

Reassure all of the common target, which must be an agreement that allows all of us to move forward *together*.

Honour Federation as the big milestone that attempted a new nation of fused destinies.

Adjust the federal constitution to reflect this single nation more precisely, respecting the indigenous previous owners and their ongoing connection to tribal lands, without excluding others who are, and will become, part of the nation also.

6. Obscuring Judeo-Christian Values

The public sector has degraded a widespread appreciation for the Judeo-Christian tradition, and that it produced the positive values underlying Australian Federation. Values such as the brotherhood of man, all equally valuable, came from the Judeo-Christian tradition of all made in the image of God.

Over the decades since World War 2, that appreciation has been degraded such that the capacity of the source of those values to maintain those values in society has been reduced.

Half of the Liberal Party tries to obscure this link between Christianity and their own Menzian values, from a misguided fear of mixing religion with politics. This fear needs to be allayed.

As an educator for over 40 years, I have seen Christian Religious Education lost to government schools, along with all discussion of religions, except perhaps to disparage or patronise. Christian Television Association spots are gone. Portrayal of Christians in the arts has become increasingly hostile. Over-exposure of the few paedophiles in the church, as if the church is characterised by it. The anti-science accusation is demonstrably false.

The percentage of citizens identifying as Christians has halved. This is caused partly by immigration of other religions, but also by a steady undermining by atheistic secularism - the idea that God and religion must be ignored or removed from the public sector and the society at large. Another socialist influence.

I observed the scene at Sydney's Madis Gras of an aborigine spearing a crucified Jesus. The artwork, Piss Christ. It's a good thing Christians hold to the value of tolerance - imagine the social division were such insults directed at other religious worldviews.

Solutions:

Reinforce the positive Australian Citizenship Values.

Verbally respect the Judeo-Christian source of those values. This can be done whether or not a person subscribes to that faith. Allow and even

encourage true believers to maintain those values in society through education.

Return Christian Religious Education to all schools. Refer to the Royal Commissions on Education in every state during the 1980s; their rationales are timeless, not dated. Return the general study of religions to all schools, so that citizens are trained in empathy and civil skills.

Clarify the meaning of ‘separation of church and state.’ This is not about keeping worldviews out of politics, but about keeping church powers separate from state powers. They have different authorities. One should not control the other. In practice, this meant that no church, neither the Catholic church nor the Anglican Church should be the state religion. And that no political body can tell the church what its religious views should be.

However, this in no way negates the need for Judeo-Christian values to underpin the state, as expressed by Sir Henry Parkes: “Our laws, our whole system of jurisprudence, our Constitution... are based upon and interwoven with our Christian belief.”

These underpinning values in particular, must be protected as we protect the Constitution itself, as the guiding values of Australia. Otherwise, Australia might replace the values that promote social cohesion with values that promote domination and tyranny.

The Judeo-Christian values of Western Civilisation have been clear and productive in history. They remain expressed in the Australian Citizenship Values. Citizens can affirm those values without subscribing to the faith.

If citizens cannot subscribe to those values due to their own worldview, then they have to find a way to live within this society that does. We should not depart from the values that promote social cohesion better than any in history. Rather, we should foster them and their source.

Allay fears about mixing religion with politics. Think of religions as worldviews. Every politician has one and uses it to make political decisions. Therefore, discussion about these worldview-based values is inevitable in politics. But the Judeo-Christian values set provides the parameters within which civil debates operate in our democracy.

Christianity is also the world's only truly cross-cultural religion, and as such is well-suited to maintaining freedoms and values for our common humanity, for a multicultural country like ours.

Let's honour this worldview, for all people of goodwill. Under Almighty God.

Call believers to pray. Of course not as an act of legislation, nor for non-believers to act against conscience, but as an acknowledgement that God-fearing faith is a significant reality within Australia, and as such, should not be taboo.

Antisemitism is irrational in that it tars all Jews with the same brush, regardless of individuals' views or conduct. And it keeps recurring throughout history, in the most gruesome manifestations. As such there may well be a malevolent spiritual force behind antisemitism in particular and social division in general.

Therefore, it is entirely reasonable to ask those who can address this to do so.