## PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ANTISEMITISM AT AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES INQUIRY WEDNESDAY, 22 JANUARY 2025

## **Australian Human Rights Commission**

## Committee Member Ms Kylea Tink asked the following question on 22 January 2025:

**Ms TINK:** In the interim report, which you've talked about as well, I noticed that you specifically noted that study participants raised with you the degree to which antisemitism is distinct from other forms of racism. I'm very mindful that I've taken you back to a broader conversation on racism. So could I just ask you to comment, please, on whether a tailored approach is required to address antisemitism or whether, as some groups are suggesting, antisemitism can be effectively addressed through comprehensive efforts to address all forms of racism.

## The Australian Human Rights Commission's Response to the question asked by Ms Tink is as follows:

Some of the comprehensive whole of government recommendations put forward in the National Anti-Racism Framework could address antisemitism.

Recommendations 12 and 49 deal with online racism and hate, recommendations 28 to 31 deal with building racial literacy and understanding of racism in schools and education, recommendation 10 recommends a positive duty to eliminate racism in various aspects of daily life including in workplaces and education settings.

Recommendation 59 calls for a National Data Plan to outline a national approach to collecting, using, and managing data on experiences, reports, and impacts of racism across states and territories and local jurisdictions. Implementation of these recommendations would help address antisemitism. In addition, work done under each these recommendations could be tailored where appropriate to the specific needs in combatting antisemitism.