



University of Sydney response to Questions on Notice from the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights hearing held on Wednesday 22 January 2025

31 January 2025

Questions asked by Mr Pike MP

Question 1: What action has the university taken against the academic [Stewart Jackson] in relation to this matter?

When the University became aware of concerns raised about a social media post by Dr Jackson, the Dean of the relevant faculty reached out to contact him and provide counsel as to the inappropriateness of the post, which was subsequently deleted. The University is currently investigating the matter further in line with relevant policies and procedures.

The University of Sydney condemns any form of racism, threats to safety, hate speech, intimidation and threatening behaviour. When we find breaches of our policies or codes of conduct we don't hesitate to take disciplinary action as appropriate.

Question 2: What action has the university taken in relation to Joel Griggs? Has he been terminated?

We share concerns about the content of certain posts and referred them to the police for their consideration. We do not condone the content of the posts; however, they were made in a personal capacity and not as University-related conduct and so do not fall under our policies and codes of conduct for consideration of potential disciplinary action.

Our Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor have said consistently that the University of Sydney condemns any form of racism, threats to safety, hate speech, intimidation, threatening speech, bullying or unlawful harassment, including antisemitic language or behaviour on our campus and in University-related forums.

We are committed to working with our community to ensure a safe and welcoming campus for all students and staff, while safeguarding our commitment to free speech and academic freedom.