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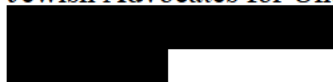
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Jewish Advocates for Understanding Antisemitism



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Date of meeting

2026-02-24

Agenda item title

Motion to ALGA National General Assembly June 2026 - Commitment to National Anti-Racism Framework

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Submission to Melbourne City Council: Motion to ALGA National General Assembly June 2026 - Commitment to National Anti-Racism Framework

From: *Jewish Advocates for Understanding Antisemitism (JAUA)*

Date: 23 February 2026

About Us

Jewish Advocates for Understanding Antisemitism (JAUA) is a group of Jewish people and allies committed to confronting antisemitism in all its forms while upholding universal principles of justice and human rights.

Our Position

JAUA supports the City of Melbourne's proposed motion to the ALGA National General Assembly in June 2026, calling on the Australian Government to fully fund and implement the Australian Human Rights Commission's National Anti-Racism Framework (NARF)[1][2].

Why a National Anti-Racism Framework is Needed

The Federal Government has adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism and appointed envoys on antisemitism and Islamophobia [3]. While we acknowledge the intention to address hatred, we are deeply concerned that such narrow, siloed approaches are insufficient and can be counterproductive if they are perceived to privilege one group over others. Research indicates that anti-racism measures that appear to prioritise one community can weaken social cohesion and public trust in anti-racism efforts [4].

At the same time, antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian racism, and racism targeting First Nations peoples and other racialised communities are increasing in Australia [4][5]. This reality underlines the urgency of moving away from fragmented responses towards a coherent national strategy that addresses all forms of racism together.

The National Anti-Racism Framework

The National Anti-Racism Framework is a First Nations-centred, intersectional and human rights-based roadmap to eliminate racism over ten years [1][2]. It was developed by the Australian Human Rights Commission through extensive community consultation and contains 63 recommendations across justice, law, health, education, workplaces, media, arts and sport [1][6]. The Framework calls for strengthening domestic legislation to align with international human rights standards and UN frameworks [1].

Critically, the NARF recognises the need to address all forms of racism, including antisemitism, Islamophobia and anti-Palestinian racism within a comprehensive anti-racism agenda, rather than in isolation [6]. This allows councils and governments to protect Jewish communities from antisemitic hatred while also upholding the rights and safety of Palestinian, Arab, Muslim, First Nations and other racialised communities.

Despite its breadth and the clear need it responds to, the Framework has not been implemented or funded since its release in November 2024[7][8]. Civil society organisations across sectors have called on the Australian Government to commit to the Framework and resource its implementation [7][8].

Why Local Government Support Matters

Local governments are at the frontline of community relations: they are major employers, service providers, planning authorities and convenors of local democracy [6]. The NARF explicitly recommends adequate funding and support for councils to develop and strengthen local anti-racism initiatives aligned with national directions [1][6]. Without federal leadership, coordination and resourcing, councils are left to respond piecemeal to increasing racism and community tensions.

By supporting the City of Melbourne's motion to the ALGA National General Assembly, Council can:

- Signal that local communities need a coordinated, nationally led response to racism.
- Affirm that antisemitism must be addressed as part of holistic, structural anti-racism, not through siloed or security-led measures.
- Join a growing number of councils, peak bodies and civil society organisations urging the Australian Government to act on the NARF [7][9].

Recommended Council Action

JAUA respectfully urges Council to:

1. **Support the City of Melbourne motion** to the ALGA National General Assembly in June 2026 calling on the Australian Government to fully fund and implement the Australian Human Rights Commission's National Anti-Racism Framework [1][2].
2. **Publicly affirm Council's commitment** to comprehensive, whole-of-society anti-racism that protects Jewish, Palestinian, Arab, Muslim, First Nations and all racialised communities.

A nationally coordinated and properly resourced National Anti-Racism Framework is essential to build an Australia where everyone belongs and where equality, dignity and safety are realised for all communities.

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Anny Mokotow



Your submission

Date of meeting

2026-02-24

Agenda item title

Proposed motion to the ALGA national general assembly in June 2026 calling on the Australian government to fully fund and implement the Australian human rights commission and national antiracism framework.

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

I would like to support the motion by Councilor Olivia Bell to accept the NRAF framework as an inclusionary framework for all races and ethnicities within the community. This is an excellent framework that needs to become the basis on which our communities can feel safe and equal. As a Jew, I am opposed to the IHRA model that gives a special place to Jewish racism over that of other racism and bigotry. We no this is not an inclusive model to follow.

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Rebecca Parker



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Sustainable Data Centres

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

As an architect and sustainability advocate and implore the City of Melbourne to endorse the Motion to ensure that any Data Centre Development in Melbourne is regulated and only approved if is powered using 100% sustainable energy and water.

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Rebecca Parker


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2026-02-24

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7.1 Notice of Motion, Cr Dr Olivia Ball: Maintain VicHealth, its independence and funding

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

I was appalled to hear that the Victorian Government is planning to dissolve Vic Health and incorporate it into the Department of Health to make a saving of only \$45 million dollars.

The benefits of Vic Health in preventing illness and healthcare costs far outweigh the saving. "For every dollar spent on public health, early intervention and prevention, \$14.30 is saved on future healthcare."

My family have benefited from the Cancer Council, Breast Cancer screening and Kitchen Garden program in immeasurable ways including saving our lives.

I urge the City of Melbourne to do as this motion recommends and "express the City's strong support for VicHealth, its independence and funding; and request genuine and

adequate consultation with local governments and their peak bodies prior to any future changes to VicHealth's role, funding or focus"!

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