



Dr. Monique Ryan Calls for Establishment of a National Register of Hate-Motivated Crime

Independent Federal Member for Kooyong, Dr. Monique Ryan, today formally called on the Attorney-General, the Hon. Michelle Rowland MP, to consider establishing a National Hate Crime Register in Australia.

In a meeting with Minister Rowland, Dr. Ryan emphasised the growing concern among communities across the country regarding the rise in hate-motivated incidents. She highlighted the urgent need for a centralised, transparent, and publicly accessible register to identify, track, and report hate crimes, enabling better policy responses and community support.

“A National Hate Crime Register would not be just a tool for accountability—it could represent a vital step toward protecting vulnerable communities and ensuring that hate has no place in Australia,” said Dr. Ryan.

The proposed register would collect data on incidents motivated by race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other protected attributes. Dr. Ryan stressed that such a register would empower law enforcement, policymakers, and community organisations to respond more effectively to hate crimes and to develop targeted prevention strategies— and to assess the effectiveness of those interventions. It would conform with the need identified by many cultural and religious organisations to establish a robust monitoring and evaluation framework to track effectiveness of antisemitism and other response measures within Australian communities.

The Register could be established via the Police Ministers Council, which comprises police ministers from every state and territory, and the federal Home Affairs Minister.

Dr. Ryan’s advocacy reflects her ongoing commitment to inclusivity, transparency, and justice for all Australians. She urged the government to consult widely with affected communities and experts to ensure that the Register meets the needs of those it aims to protect.

[Dr Ryan’s letter to the Attorney General can be found here.](#)