



Media Statement from Dr Monique Ryan

The devastating violence against the Jewish community in Bondi is confronting and heartbreaking. This act of antisemitism has caused unimaginable pain to the Bondi community and the Jewish community of Australia. This occurred on the first night of Chanukah, a festival meant to embody resilience, hope, and tradition.

I stand firmly alongside the Australian Jewish community and reject antisemitism, violence, and hatred in all their forms.

Thank you to all the brave first responders - to the Bondi lifeguards, paramedics, police, nurses, doctors, and other citizens, who stepped in during this devastating event, risked their own lives, and worked overnight to keep people safe and provide the care they needed.

My deepest condolences are with the families who have lost loved ones, those who have been injured, and all affected by this act of terrorism.

All Australians have to stand together against antisemitism and hatred - always.

Over the coming days, weeks, and months, I will work with leaders and members of the Jewish community, police forces, as well as local, state, and federal governments to ensure the safety of all members of our community.

If any members of the Kooyong community have concerns about their safety or need help or advice, please contact my office: (03) 9326 2900 | monique.ryan.mp@aph.gov.au.

Helpful Resources:

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800

13YARN: 13 92 76

Headspace: 1800 650 890

Hatzolah Melbourne is offering free one-on-one counselling sessions with experienced psychologists for anyone who needs someone to talk to at this time.