

Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion

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The Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion was established by the Australian Government following the antisemitic terrorist attack at Bondi Beach on 14 December 2025.

Watch the video for an overview or read below for more information.

What is a Royal Commission?

A Royal Commission is a public inquiry and is set up to look into matters that are important. Some recent Royal Commissions have looked into topics such as the Robodebt Scheme, Natural Disaster Arrangements, and Aged Care.

A Royal Commission has broad powers to gather information to assist with its inquiry. The Royal Commission has the power to summons witnesses to appear before it and the power to request individuals or organisations produce documents as evidence.

What is this Royal Commission about?

This Royal Commission is examining the nature, causes and impacts of antisemitism and failures in social cohesion in Australia, as well as the effectiveness of government, law enforcement, and security responses. It is also investigating the circumstances leading up to the Bondi attack, including security arrangements and informationsharing between agencies.

What will the Royal Commission do?

The Royal Commission will publish an interim report on **30 April 2026** and a final report on **14 December 2026**. These reports will be based on evidence given to it, including statements made by people in the community.

Who can be involved in the Royal Commission?

Anyone in the community who has experience or knowledge relevant to the Royal Commission is welcome to make a submission.

What support is available to people who are involved in the Royal Commission?

Tasmania Legal Aid is providing a legal service to support engagement with the Royal Commission from the Tasmanian community. This service will provide free and independent legal information, advice and referral options for people considering participation, including making voluntary submissions.

You can email us at RCLAS.tas@legalaid.tas.gov.au or call us on 1300 366 611 to access this service.

Each State and Territory will have its own legal support service. People wanting to access this service outside of Tasmania can find out more information through National Legal Aid. www.nationallegalaid.org.au/national-services/rcasc-legal-help

If you are required to engage with the Royal Commission, a Legal Financial Assistance Scheme is available to assist you. This is available to assist with meeting the reasonable costs associated with engaging with the Royal Commission, including as a witness. We have more information about this under our Self Help section.

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