



Explainer Interim Report

The Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion (Royal Commission) was publicly released on 30 April 2026.

It is an early stage report of the Royal Commission tabled in Parliament.

The report primarily focuses on matters arising from the antisemitic terrorist attack at Bondi in December 2025, including the broader threat environment, security arrangements for Jewish community events, emergency response, counter-terrorism systems, information-sharing arrangements and resourcing across Commonwealth and state agencies.

Its purpose is not to provide final findings, but to identify any urgent issues for government attention, and explain the areas that require further public and closed hearings.

The Government [announced](#) that it will accept all of the Recommendations made in the Interim Report.

Parts of the Interim Report are confidential and have not been released for publication for two key reasons.

First, it contains security-classified and operationally sensitive information, including intelligence material that cannot be released publicly without risking national security.

Second, there are also ongoing criminal proceedings arising from the Bondi attack, so the public report excludes information about the planning and execution of the attack, limits discussion of certain evidence related to the criminal trial.

A full confidential version of the Report has been provided to the Government, and the Commission has stated that once criminal proceedings have concluded, further material may be released publicly where it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Importantly, the Interim Report does not represent the end of the inquiry. Hearings on the issues raised in the Interim Report will commence from 25 May 2026, with some hearings held publicly in Sydney and others held in closed sessions where sensitive operational or intelligence evidence is involved.

Further hearings beginning on 4 May 2026 will also address the wider [Terms of Reference](#), including antisemitism in Australian society, lived experience, definitions and measurement of prevalence. The Commission will continue to receive submissions and evidence throughout this process, before delivering a final report after all hearings have concluded. That Final Report will bring together the full findings and recommendations of the Royal Commission.

A copy of the interim report is available on the [Royal Commission website](#).

Making a Submission

People wishing to engage with the Royal Commission, to contribute to the inquiry and the Final Report must do so by 31 May 2026.

RCLAS provides confidential, trauma-informed and culturally safe legal assistance to help people understand the Royal Commission process, prepare submissions and provides advice about issues like confidentiality, naming people and appearing as a witness.

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