

**Adam Bandt MP**

Leader of the Australian Greens  
Via email

3 November 2023

Dear Mr Bandt,

The Australian Jewish community is extremely concerned that you are allying yourself with an antisemitic group that mocks victims of terror and calls for the destruction of Israel.

Your promotion and endorsement of the rally organised by “Free Palestine Melbourne” includes a poster which features a prominent map for a State of Palestine that completely replaces the State of Israel – it erases Israel. This is blatantly contradictory to the Greens’ purported support for a two-state outcome.

And to make this map real would require removing the Jews of Israel and destroying the State of Israel. Following October 7, one can only imagine how.

I also understand that this same organisation, “Free Palestine Melbourne,” denies the antisemitic massacres of October 7 as “propaganda”. That much is clear because it [proudly encourages](#) its supporters to deface posters that call for the return of Israeli civilians who have been taken hostage by Hamas, by literally labelling these posters as “Zionist propaganda.”

To be clear, you are associating yourself with a hateful organisation that yearns for the destruction of Israel and mocks the victims of terror by Hamas, a designated terror organisation. I trust you understand that this has an enormous impact on the Jewish communities of Australia – because by your participation, you legitimise this antisemitism.

Your continued association with this group will be read in no uncertain terms as an endorsement of its activities and its antisemitism, which will no doubt be virulently expressed on the ground on the day of the protest.

Australia is far better than this. We expect far more of each other, let alone of our political leaders. We all know antisemitism to be the most foundational racial hatred. You must do better and you must call it out.

I urge you to apologise and immediately distance yourself and the Australian Greens from this group and each other group which shares in their hateful and antisemitic fantasies.

Sincerely



**Jeremy Leibler**  
President

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