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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your correspondence regarding petition number 4304-25, tabled in Parliament on 18 November 2025, in relation to boycotting, divesting from and sanctioning Israel and all Israeli businesses.

A decision of this nature is a matter for the Australian Government, which is responsible for portfolios relating to foreign affairs, arms trade and defence.

Consistent with advice provided to the Principal Petitioner previously, I request the Principal Petitioner is advised that foreign affairs matters are the responsibility of the Australian Government.

Our role is to foster social cohesion and unity, where every Australian citizen has a right to be safe and feel safe, and have equal opportunity to economic and social participation, regardless of race or creed. Disappointingly, petitions such as this serve only to divide our society.

I would like to take this opportunity to place on the record my sincere condolences to those victims of the antisemitic attack in New South Wales on 14 December 2025. There is no place in Queensland for antisemitism. Those who seek to demean, vilify, or perpetrate acts of violence will be held to account.

Yours sincerely



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