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Statement from the Melbourne Holocaust Museum on the Royal Commission into Antisemitism and Social Cohesion

The Melbourne Holocaust Museum stands ready to assist the Royal Commission into Antisemitism and Social Cohesion. This process represents an essential commitment to truth, accountability, and the wellbeing of the Jewish community. Melbourne Holocaust Museum CEO, Dr Breann Fallon states:

“At moments of profound suffering, societies are tested not only by what has occurred, but by how we respond. A Royal Commission is not simply an exercise in legal or procedural review; it is a collective act of responsibility. It acknowledges the gravity of what has taken place and affirms that the suffering experienced by our community demands careful examination and meaningful action.”

At the Melbourne Holocaust Museum, we know all too well that antisemitism, racism and violence does not arise in isolation. It is shaped by language, by the erosion of empathy, by a lack of nuanced discussion, and by failures to intervene when warning signs are clearly present. The work of this Royal Commission must therefore be rigorous, transparent, and guided by a willingness to confront uncomfortable truths.

At this critical moment, we reaffirm our belief that education, empathic understanding and truth remain among the strongest safeguards against violence and hate.

What happens next will define the kind of society we choose to be.

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