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COUNCIL NEWS

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The Council of the University of Adelaide has reaffirmed its commitment to combating antisemitism and all other forms of discrimination, including those based on religion, race, nationality, and national and ethnic origins. This commitment is central to fostering an inclusive and respectful University community.

As an institution of higher learning, the University of Adelaide upholds the principles of freedom of speech and academic freedom. These foundational values support essential intellectual exchanges and align with our obligations under the *Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards)* 6.1.4.

At its recent meeting, Council reaffirmed the statement regarding freedom of speech made by it on 11 April 2023. It noted the definition of antisemitism endorsed by Universities Australia at its Plenary session in March 2025 and recognised that, together with international resources such as the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism, and the Nexus Document, it provides valuable assistance in understanding antisemitism within our community.

Against this background, Council has requested University management to review the University's *Behaviour and Conduct Policy* and *Student Misconduct Policy* to ensure the University continues to comply with its critical duty to safeguard the wellbeing, including the psychosocial wellbeing, of its students and staff.

All regulation of expressive conduct will be carefully considered, ensuring such regulation remains consistent with the principles enshrined in the University's [Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom Policy](#), including the principles of reasonableness and proportionality.