

*“The Holocaust did not begin with death camps: it began with words ”**

Your chance to speak out against Antisemitism in NZ

The Human Rights Commission wants submissions on racism in NZ.

It’s called ‘Tackling Racism’.

The deadline is soon – 23 November

Racism can take many forms.

One type, Antisemitism, has a long, ugly, disturbing history.

Antisemitism is growing in NZ.

It is spreading from Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere.

Make a Submission

Antisemitism in NZ can take different forms. They include:

- Sometimes Explicit
- Sometimes by Euphemism
- Sometimes by hyper-criticism of Israel, the nation state of the Jewish People (when the same criticisms are not made towards any other nation, and therefore, are a double-standard)

It is easy to make a submission.

- It can be as short as one paragraph. But, of course, you can make it longer
- It can use easy, simple language
- It can include, amongst other things, general ideas and comments, something you have seen or read about, or personal experience.
- You may want to make a submission because of strongly held religious beliefs.
But here is a thought.
Some NZers no longer have a religious view of the world, so it may not mean too much to them. Instead, you might want to consider using every-day ideas about fairness, equality and the use of a single standard (rather than an inconsistent double-standard that some reserve for Israel). That said, it’s your submission - you can use whatever words you wish

- Attached is a sample submission which may start you thinking
- Once you have written it send it in an email, or attach it to an email, to againstracism@hrc.co.nz

If you have any questions you can contact HRC

Or talk with someone you know

You are welcome to ring Ian Dunwoodie mobile 022 495 8287 to talk about the process. He submitted the attached sample submission. It was submitted in his personal capacity.

Here is a link to the HRC Tackling Racism notice

<https://www.hrc.co.nz/news/unique-chance-have-say-how-tackle-racism/>

Please note the deadline is 23 November. So if you are going to submit, probably best to do it straightaway.

Attached: sample submission as a pdf file

*Harriet Schleifer, at the Malmo International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism, 14 October 2021

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