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SUPPORT FOR REBUILDING ADASS SYNAGOGUE

The Albanese Labor Government unequivocally condemns and stands against antisemitism in all its forms.

The rise of antisemitism is abhorrent and there is no place for the kind of hate speech and attacks we have seen recently in our country.

The firebombing of the Adass Israel Synagogue was a crime of cowardice and prejudice.

It was an attempt to threaten and silence the Jewish community, in Melbourne and right around Australia.

We won't stand for that.

We are committed to ensuring that this community rebuilds.

That's why the Government will provide \$30 million for the restoration of the Adass Israel Synagogue and community centre in Ripponlea, Victoria.

We will also provide funding of up to \$1.2 million for security upgrades to the current buildings due to reopen this year.

This funding decision will be reflected in next week's Budget.

It is in addition to the \$250,000 we funded towards the replacement and restoration of Torah Scrolls housed in the Synagogue.

There can be no place in Australia for antisemitism.

The Government is taking action to stamp out this scourge.

That's why we've:

- Established Operation Avalite with the AFP to combat acts of antisemitism
- Imposed new counter-terrorism financing sanctions on Terrorgram
- Introduced a landmark ban on the Nazi salute and hate symbols with penalties of 1 year imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$16,500
- Criminalised doxxing – the malicious release of personal information - which the Opposition voted against
- Are working with states and territories on a national database to track and coordinate on antisemitic incidents
- Committed \$25 million for improved safety and security at Jewish sites across the country, including schools – in the weeks following the 7 October terrorist attack
- Funded an additional \$32.5 million for security measures for schools and synagogues
- Passed legislation to criminalise hate speech
- Announced more than \$100 million for countering violent extremism

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