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### **IEU statement on Bondi Beach terror attack**

The Independent Education Union of Australia NSW/ACT Branch condemns the horrific terror attack at Bondi Beach and the devastating loss of so many lives.

The IEU joins with the Australian union movement in condemning antisemitism and all acts of violence and hatred that take lives, harm people, and make people feel threatened and unsafe.

“Our hearts go out to our members, to teachers, support staff, students, and the broader Jewish community impacted by this shocking antisemitic attack,” said IEUA NSW/ACT Branch Secretary Carol Matthews.

“We offer our condolences to all those directly impacted and their loved ones.

“We acknowledge the exceptional courage of all first responders, both emergency services workers and civilians whose actions prevented even more loss of life.

“Together with the broader union movement, the IEU stands with the Jewish community in Australia. We express our deep sorrow and heartbreak at this abhorrent attack targeting people gathered to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah.

“We extend our condolences to the entire Jewish community in Australia at this time of national tragedy.”

Everyone has the right to feel safe in their workplace and in their community.

The IEU opposes all forms of violence, hatred, bigotry and racism. It is not who we are and our core value of solidarity must unite us. We are always stronger together.

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