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### **Condemning violent and evil attack on Melbourne Synagogue**

The Australian Council of Christians and Jews expresses its horror at the attack on the Adass Israel synagogue in Melbourne.

We strongly condemn such violent and evil behaviour which has no place in Australian society.

We express our deepest sympathy to the Adass Israel congregation over the shock and loss this violent action has caused to the congregation and hope that those injured have a full and speedy recovery.

Such an attack on a community at prayer is unconscionable and must be condemned from all parts of the political spectrum and by people of all faiths, and none.

We also express our deep solidarity with the Jewish community throughout Australia, and our recognition of the growing sense of insecurity it has experienced in the past year, and especially after this cowardly and senseless attack.

We hope that a reaction against this violence will bring the nation and our religious communities together in confirmation of our common humanity.

Events such as this call on people of all faiths and none to redouble our opposition to antisemitism and all forms of racism and prejudice, to insist that leaders promote the common good of everyone, and to recommit ourselves to practising dialogue on all levels.

### **Media Comment**

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