

## **Update on University of Sydney Legal Actions**

Last Friday 1 November 2024, Levitt Robinson Solicitors filed two separate, representative complaints with the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) alleging racial discrimination and racial vilification (antisemitism) against Jewish students and academics by Professor John Keane and the University of Sydney, and Dr Nick Riemer and the University of Sydney, respectively.

### **Next Steps**

The two separate Complaints will now be referred to the President of the AHRC, who will consider them, and attempt to conciliate between the parties, namely the Complainants comprised of Jewish Students and Academics, and the Respondents Professor Keane and the University of Sydney, and Dr Riemer and the University of Sydney.

If the AHRC's conciliation process is unsuccessful, the President will be able to terminate the Complaint(s) at which point the Complainants have sixty (60) days in which to commence proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia.

### **Support the Action**

To date, the USyd Special Class Action Appeal has raised insufficient funds to see the actions progress beyond the AHRC Complaints Process, to the Federal Court.

Adam Butt, of Counsel, has only been paid about 30% of his fees, and Levitt Robinson has been paid no monies whatsoever for the considerable work required to get the two Complaints filed at the AHRC. The Hon. Ron Merkel SC has worked at a substantial discount below his normal rates.

So, if you share our belief in the importance of establishing a legal precedent to stop Jews from being libelled by antisemites using "Zionist" as a transparent codeword for Jew and in having such abuse recognised as unlawful and compensable, we encourage you, your friends and the community as a whole, to demonstrate their support by making a tax-deductible donation to the [USyd Class Action Special Appeal](#).

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