

HATIKVAH AUSTRALIA PLATFORM

להיות עם חפשי בארצינו

Lihyot am chofshi be'artzenu

To be a free nation in our land

Hatikvah Australia represents a united front of progressive Australian Zionists who strive towards supporting Israel to fulfil its destiny as a just, free homeland for the Jewish people. We seek to build an Israel that lives in harmony with its neighbours and upholds the rights of all its citizens.

We are inspired by Israel's Declaration of Independence, which proclaims that the State "will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture."

Our commitment is to democracy and the rule of law, believing that all citizens of the State of Israel must be treated equally, and their civil and human rights protected. We oppose policies of discrimination, fear, and tribalism.

Peace-seeking Israelis and Palestinians urgently need the solidarity and cooperation of the Zionist movement to support effective dialogue. We strive for action that realises our shared vision of a negotiated, mutually accepted two-state solution in which Israelis and Palestinians can live in peace and security.

We stand with Israelis who seek to end the current policy of ongoing occupation. We oppose calls for annexation. It is unjust and threatens Israel's democracy. The Occupation is sustained by ongoing policies of repression and daily violence that only serve to exacerbate conflict. Hatikvah Australia envisions an Israel that is a peaceful homeland, and where the Jewish people can flourish in safety.

We wholeheartedly support religious and cultural pluralism and diverse expression in Israeli society. As a nation among nations and as a centre for Jewish creativity and renewal, it is vital that this diversity is safeguarded and celebrated.

We stand with those demanding the protection of the human rights of all those who reside within the State of Israel, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, gender or sexual preference. We also stand with Israelis demanding the protection of the rights of women and striving to ensure full legal and social equality for the LGBTIQA+ community, including marriage rights.

We support all efforts to maintain a social-democratic Israeli state where the disadvantaged are not left helpless, where all workers' rights are upheld and where exploitation is challenged at every level.

We are committed to working to promote environmental sustainability and to support widespread and effective climate action. This extends to supporting Israelis working independently and with Palestinians and neighbouring countries to deal with regional threats to the climate and water resources.

As active members of the Australian Jewish community, we aspire to advance, enrich and secure our Jewish communal future. Fundamental to our beliefs is the promotion of Jewish education through the support of our Zionist youth through Jewish education and robust engagement.

Confronting anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, discrimination, racism, intolerance and incitement to hatred is a key tenet of our values. By challenging these bigotries, we aspire to help foster social cohesion and intercommunal dialogue within our own Jewish community, and beyond. Ultimately, we seek to create positive frameworks to engage with those who wish to join our movement.

As Australian Jews, we seek to strengthen our ties with progressive Australians who are working to build a better, more equitable society for all Australians and all those arriving on our shores. Our beliefs in a better, safer and more peaceful world extend from our home in Australia, to our homeland in Israel, and across the world.

