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Policy on counteracting hatred and discrimination against gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender persons

The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies:

RECOGNISES that the New South Wales Jewish community:

- is part of the Jewish people worldwide, with a shared history, culture and religious tradition, and
- is at the same time diverse and pluralistic, with its members holding different views, and often strongly held views, on a range of issues;

CALLS FOR:

- mutual respect for the human dignity of all members of the community, despite any strongly held differences;
- recognition that disagreement is possible in ways that do not vilify other persons or their views;
and
- avoidance of any public or private conduct that incites hatred or revulsions against, or ridicule or contempt of, another person or class of persons on the ground of his, her or their identity (including race, religion, colour, sexual orientation, gender and national origin) or views;

AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AFORESAID PRINCIPLES:

- opposes any form of hatred or discrimination, in terms of legal rights or human rights whatsoever against any person on the grounds of sexual or gender identity;
- acknowledges that there is still much work to be done to remove hatred and discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons in the Jewish community and the wider Australian community and to provide adequate services and support for them and their families; and
- calls on persons and organisations in the Jewish community to support that work both in our community and the wider Australian community