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## Ecumenical Council stands with Jewish community, calls for peace

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The NSW Ecumenical Council is shocked and saddened by the devastating and unprovoked attack on members of the Jewish community at Bondi Beach. We stand with those who were targeted by deadly violence and unequivocally condemn all such acts.

We hold in our prayers those who have been harmed, their families and loved ones, and all who are distressed by this cowardly hate crime. We grieve with those who have lost loved ones. We pray for healing for those who are injured. We give thanks for the courage and compassion of first responders, NSW Police and emergency services.

The Jewish festival of Chanukah reminds us that light shines only when love and justice prevail. Amid tragedy, we recognise our common humanity and celebrate the image of God in one another. We come together with genuine love and care, praying for peace.

We call on all people in Sydney and New South Wales to stand together in solidarity and remain steadfast in rejecting violence and resisting fear and division. We encourage everyone to avoid speculation and allow authorities to carry out their work. Let us work as a community to foster empathy, social cohesion, and safety and wellbeing for all.

We are better together.

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