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The Australian Council of Christians and Jews (ACCI) seeks to deepen mutual understanding between Christians and Jews in this country. It is the umbrella organisation for a number of state bodies and has a fraternal association with the Abrahamic Council in New Zealand.

A Statement on Events in Israel/Palestine

We are appalled by what we are currently witnessing in Israel and Gaza.

We are deeply saddened about intercommunal violence between Jews and Arabs as a result of the stoking of tensions by irresponsible actors in Israeli and Palestinian political life.

We especially deplore acts of violence within sacred spaces or to people on the way to and from sacred spaces; whether Al-Aqsa Mosque, synagogues in Israel, or the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

We condemn all types of violence and oppression, and our particular concern is therefore for the civilians caught up in this conflict — Jews, Christians and Muslims — who wish only for a peaceful life in a land that is holy to all of them.

We view with some hope the fact that there are organisations even within the current context of violence which seek to bring Jews, Christians and Muslims together in the pursuit of mutual understanding.

We pray for an immediate de-escalation of the violence and for peace to return to the land that we all hold so dear.

In accordance with Psalm 122 — common to both Jewish and Christian scriptures — we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for there to be peace within its walls and security within its citadels, for the sake of our kindred and friends, and for the house of the Lord our God.

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