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Hon Shannon Fentiman MP  
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice  
Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence  
1 William Street  
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Dear Minister *Shannon*

Brisbane is a welcoming and inclusive community, home to people from many different cultural backgrounds and faith communities.

This is something I am proud of and something that I am focused on fostering and supporting through my Lord Mayoralty.

As you may be aware, on 30 October 2021, we saw a hateful act perpetrated against our Jewish community in Brisbane.

The flying of a Nazi flag near the Brisbane Synagogue was a sickening act which must be condemned.

This flag is a symbol of hatred and genocide, and it has no place in our community.

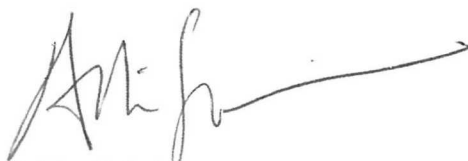
Dr Dvir Abramovich, Chair of the Anti-Defamation Commission, commented that this incident was like “plunging a knife in the heart of Holocaust survivors” and “spitting in the face of the brave diggers” who fought against this hateful ideology.

The fight against anti-Semitism is one which we must never pull back from, and I believe it is past time for this symbol of hate to be banned in Queensland.

I note the Government’s current inquiry into hate crimes and vilification in Queensland, and would urge the Government to legislate to ensure that we never again see this flag flown in our State, and that there are appropriate penalties for extreme acts of vilification such as this.

I thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Yours sincerely



Adrian Schrunner  
**LORD MAYOR**

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cc: Hon Leanne Linard MP, Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs