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‘Hindus aren’t calling for jihad’: Pauline Hanson demands new federal powers targeting radical Islamic terrorism

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One Nation has called on the Albanese government to establish stronger federal powers directly targeting fundamentalist Islamic terrorism.

It comes amid [revelations that a Melbourne preacher urged followers to “take up arms” against Christians and Jews in Australia.](#)

In response, One Nation leader Pauline Hanson has urged the government to establish powers to shut down extremist prayer centres and dismantle recruitment networks.

The Melbourne preacher made the inflammatory remarks at a local Islamic centre.

Ms Hanson said Labor was choosing to turn a blind eye to terrorist advocacy and recruitment and needed to address the threat head-on.



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“The first duty of government is to protect Australians. Labor is failing at this duty,” Ms Hanson said.

“Fifteen people were murdered in a terrorist act at Bondi. Now Australians are reading reports of an Islamic preacher urging followers to take up arms.

“Labor and the Greens keep reaching for broad laws covering the whole community because they are too scared to confront radical Islamic terrorism directly.”

Ms Hanson said the government needed to directly target the "fundamentalist Islamic preachers".

“Stop lecturing the whole country and pretending every group presents the same risk," she said.

“Create laws that go directly after fundamentalist Islamic preachers encouraging terrorist violence, the recruiters and the networks supporting them.

“Christians aren’t calling for jihad. Hindus aren’t calling for jihad.”

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Ms Hanson also called for stronger federal powers to shut down extremist and fundamentalist mosques and Islamic prayer centres.

“These centres are popping up across our suburbs and seemingly allowing terrorist recruitment and advocacy to fester unchecked,” she said.

“Give ASIO and the AFP the resources and targeted powers to dismantle these networks. If current laws are inadequate, change them.”

Hate speech laws were previously strengthened to cover the advocacy or threat of violence, introducing penalties for religious leaders committing those offences.

The Albanese government had initially proposed going further by creating a federal racial vilification offence targeting the incitement of racial hatred.

Anthony Albanese abandoned that element after it failed to secure sufficient parliamentary support over concerns about freedom of speech.

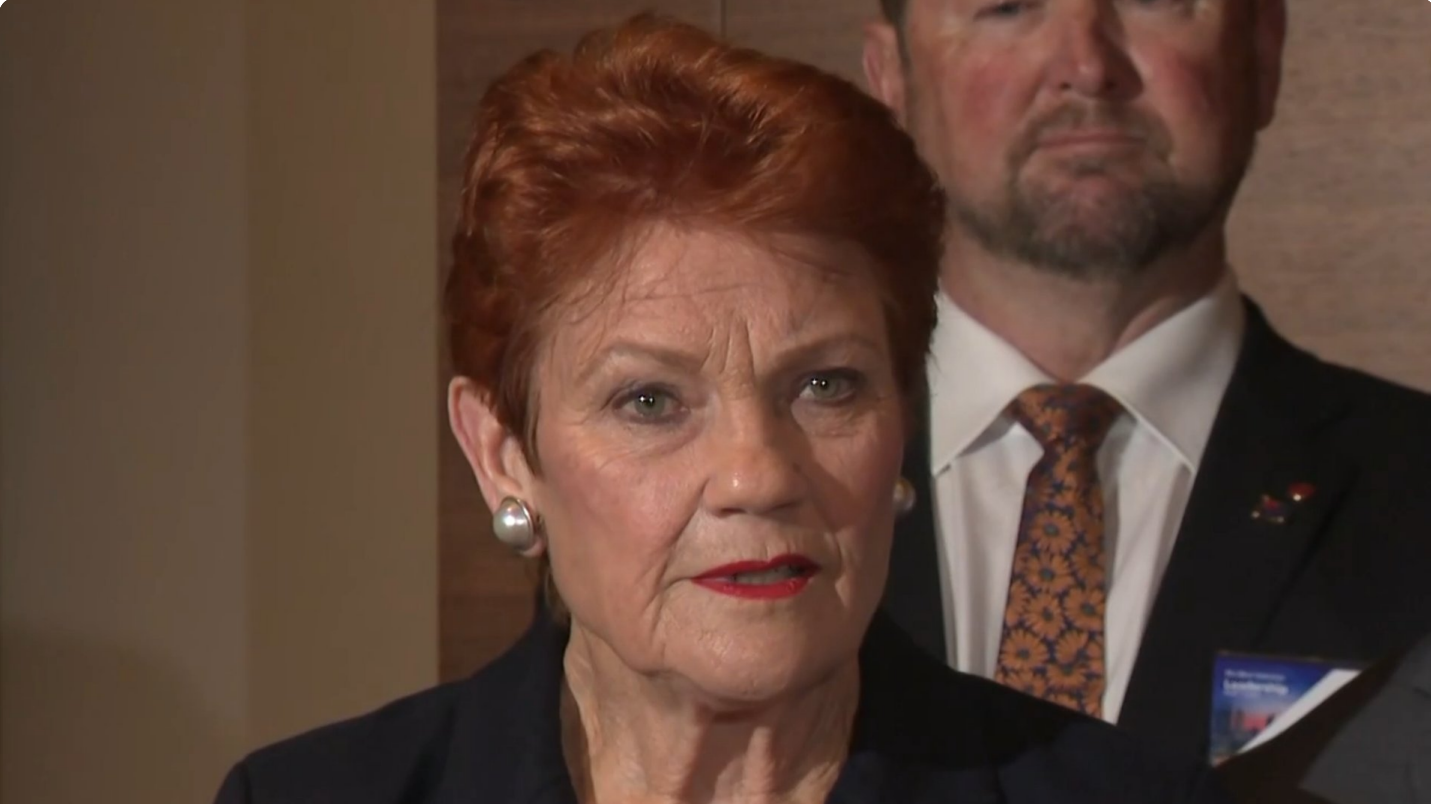
The remaining hate legislation passed with Liberal support, while the Nationals and Greens opposed it.

One Nation has separately demanded the government prevent foreign terrorist fighters from returning to Australia via the Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill.

“Foreign terrorist fighters must also be kept out. People who voluntarily joined ISIS chose a terrorist organisation over Australia,” Ms Hanson said.

“Labor must put the safety of Australians first and stop blocking One Nation’s Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill.”

The bill previously went to a Senate inquiry but the final report opposed passing the legislation.



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One Nation has also demanded the government disclose whether any taxpayer funding was flowing to Islamic organisations that encouraged or enabled terrorism.

News24.com.au previously revealed Labor’s multiculturalism grants have been used to fund Islamic organisations.

“Labor has already been forced to cancel grants because of extremism,” Ms Hanson said.

“The Home Affairs Minister must disclose whether any taxpayer funding is going to Islamic organisations that are encouraging or enabling terrorism.”

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The comments come as security agencies continue to warn about the threat posed by violent extremism in Australia.

Earlier this month, ASIO director-general Mike Burgess warned Iran could seek to kill prominent Jewish Australians on Australian soil.

“I wouldn’t rule out the possibility that Iran will want to kill prominent Jewish Australians,” Mr Burgess said on the Mitchell Unlimited Podcast.