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University of Sydney allows political group to run for student council under 'Globalise the Intifada' banner

Jewish community groups have been left aghast by the University of Sydney's decision to allow a group to run in student elections under the widely condemned banner “Globalise the Intifada”.



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The University of Sydney is allowing a student political group to run for council elections under the banner, “Globalise the Intifada”, widely interpreted to mean a violent uprising against Jews.

The group is campaigning for Student Representative Council elections which are taking place this week.

Premier Chris Minns and Opposition leader Kellie Sloane are aghast that the University of Sydney Vice-Chancellor Mark Scott is allowing this, and both of their offices are understood to have contacted the university separately.

Distressed Jewish community groups and representatives have also raised the issue with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Federal Education Minister Jason Clare.

Yet in correspondence sent by the University of Sydney on Tuesday, it appears no decisive action has been taken.



The large pro-Palestinian camp at the University of Sydney in May 2024. Picture: NewsWire/ Damian Shaw

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In the letter, the University admits the phrase ‘Globalise the Intifada’ "has appeared on election posters and corflute boards to promote a ticket that has adopted this phrase as its name."

But the letter states that the University has raised the issue with the SRC Electoral Officer and said it would write to the NSW Electoral Commissioner "to seek further advice".

The Queensland Government has already banned the phrase "globalise the intifada", with its legislation facing a challenge in the High Court.

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Mr Minns is waiting for this outcome before he moves ahead with legislation.

Mr Albanese, in Josh Frydenberg’s News24 documentary, said the phrase should be banned.

Intifada refers to the violent uprising by terrorists against innocent civilians that marked the first and second intifada in Israel.

Globalising the intifada is widely understood by the Jewish community to mean a call to violence against Jewish Australians.

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