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Prime Minister Anthony Albanese  
Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Prime Minister,

I am writing as an Australian citizen who is deeply disturbed by video footage circulating widely online from the protest in Sydney on 9 February 2026 opposing the visit of Israel's President Isaac Herzog.

Footage shows NSW Police kidney punching and using other forms of unacceptable violence against protesters who are acting non-violently and, in some cases, already on the ground and restrained, as well as people who are praying peacefully and are being dragged away and assaulted. I understand NSW Police have claimed some officers were assaulted and that arrests were made. But those claims do not excuse the state-sponsored violence shown in footage and reported by participants. Violence that could cause serious harm was used against people who were not presenting an immediate threat, including people who appeared already controlled.

Australia is a democracy. Peaceful protest and freedom of assembly are not optional extras. When policing looks like punishment, public trust collapses, and the rule of law is diminished.

I am asking you to do the following.

1. Publicly call for an independent investigation into the conduct of NSW Police at the 9 February 2026 protest in Sydney, with a specific focus on any use of force against people who were on the ground, restrained, or otherwise non-threatening.
2. Urge the NSW Government and NSW Police to immediately preserve all relevant evidence, including body-worn camera footage, command-and-control logs, CCTV, and radio communications, and to publish a clear timeline of what footage exists and when it will be released.
3. Seek a public accounting of outcomes from the operation, including the number of injuries, medical attendances, hospitalisations, arrests, charges, and any subsequent withdrawal of charges.

I am not asking for political point-scoring. I am asking for accountability. If Australian governments cannot protect the right to peaceful protest at home, we lose moral standing when we criticise human rights abuses abroad.

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I urge you to watch the footage yourself, to listen to the many Australians who are alarmed by what they have seen, and to act to defend democratic rights and public confidence in lawful, proportionate policing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory Andrews". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gregory Andrews  
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