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Man who attended Cairo Takeaway (via lawyer)

“Australians have witnessed shocking and overt criminal acts of antisemitism in Australia over the past several months. My client participated in a project with the Daily Telegraph to showcase the more subtle and covert forms of antisemitism experienced by Jews in their everyday lives. Social experiments like this have previously highlighted other forms of discrimination such as racism in the US, misogyny and Islamophobia.

“My client was not under any instructions to provoke reactions from any of the persons he had interacted with that day - nor did he do so. He travelled to a number of places across Sydney where the Daily Telegraph crew observed various interactions from a woman walking past my client saying “There’s a fucking Jew in Newtown” to another person yelling out to a man wearing Star of David t-shirt “Go back to Israel”.

“The recently released footage of the interaction at Cairo Takeaway speaks for itself but demonstrates that Cairo Takeaway have published a series of despicable falsehoods that has created this controversy.

“The only divisive and provocative conduct came from the owner and certain staff of the Cairo Takeaway on the day of the incident, their false and reprehensible claims that followed as well as their hateful and offensive social media posts.”