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**Sent:** Sunday, 27 February 2022 6:41 pm

**To:** Paul Hunt <paulh@hrc.co.nz>

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**Subject:** Re: An article supporting your approach

Thanks Paul - I understood what you meant!

I had a letter from Meng on Friday and it has been circulated around the community. Much appreciated.

I think your idea is good and s9(2)(a), whom you know, should be your first point of contact. He is the chair of the Wellington Jewish Council.

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On 27/02/2022, at 10:08, Paul Hunt <paulh@hrc.co.nz> wrote:

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When I wrote below “so I cannot make any promises”, I meant I cannot make any promises about positive engagement with the protest leaders because things are so fluid and unpredictable among the protesters outside Parliament.

Of course I can make all manner of other promises, for example, the promise to listen to the Jewish and other impacted communities and to do whatever I can to support.

Mauri ora,  
Paul

**From:** Paul Hunt

**Sent:** Sunday, 27 February 2022 8:26 AM

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**Subject:** RE: An article supporting your approach

Shalom s9(2)(a) – thank you very much indeed for your message and the article.

On Friday I asked my colleagues to reach out to some communities who are impacted by the racism and extremism of (some of) the protesters – and this idea chimes with the last sentence of Dane’s article, where he encourages me “to facilitate many such discussions in future, ideally with representatives from some of the targets of racism at the table.”

s9(2)(a) unless you advise otherwise, I wld like – for starters - to swiftly reach out to Wellington’s Jewish community and invite them to informally talk with me/HRC about the protests and the antisemitism and extremism, and get their thoughts and ideas for what might be done.

If you think that’s a good idea, who do you think I might email in the Wellington Jewish community about the possibility of initially discussing these matters?

Thanks for any counsel.

HRC cannot do much, s9(2)(a) we are seriously stretched, but I wld like to reach out a hand, if possible.

Also, I have a respectful relationship with some (*not all*) protest leaders, and protesters, but the situation outside Parliament is extremely fluid and unpredictable, so I cannot make any promises. Anyhow, have a good day and thanks again.

Mauri ora,  
Paul

**From:** s9(2)(a) @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz>

**Sent:** Saturday, 26 February 2022 10:53 AM

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**Subject:** An article supporting your approach

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I thought you might be interested in this too Paul. It’s interesting that - despite the antisemitism present at the protests - almost all the Jewish people I have heard from agree with engaging with the protestors and seeking to understand what is driving them.

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