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To Whom This May Concern,

As President of the Polish Community Council of Victoria, I write on behalf of its Executive Committee and Member Organisations across Victoria, to protest against the historically, politically and culturally misleading phrase, ***Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland***, used in the opening sentence of the film review “This Film Will Hold You In A Morbid Spell” by Stephen Romei published on 8th February 2024 in “The Australian”.

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/arts/review/the-zone-of-interest-will-hold-you-in-a-morbid-spell/news-story/cc44ca2a9d6863a2c49d4d3439b5415b>

Both The Australian Press Council guidelines and the official UNESCO definition of Auschwitz-Birkenau unequivocally indicate the need to avoid potentially offensive terminology and use a more accurate and appropriate description of “German Nazi Concentration Camps”, adding their location as being “In Occupied-Poland”.

The referenced phrase can be seen as an attempt to blur the responsibility for the establishment of concentration and death camps, devised and operated by Nazi Germany by putting blame on Poland.

Therefore, **the Polish Community Council of Victoria hereby lodges its formal objection and protest against the use of the phrase *Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland* and formally demands that an appropriate disclaimer, correction and apology to the Polish Government and Polish diaspora living in Australia, be published as soon as possible.**

Kind regards,

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