

Motion on Recognition of a Palestinian State

The _____ Branch of the *insert state here* ALP notes:

- Australia has consistently supported a two state solution to the Israel/Palestine conflict;
- Israel is an independent and sovereign state while the Palestinians remain stateless;
- Palestinians, like other human beings, have the right to their own state and their own nationality. Institutions such as the UN, World Bank and IMF have affirmed their readiness for statehood;
- The Israeli government has continually resiled from agreeing to a two State solution;
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was re-elected on a platform stating 'there would be no Palestinian State', consistent with the Likud Charter;
- Israel has continually sabotaged peace talks sponsored by the United States by announcing the building of more Israeli settlements on occupied Palestinian land needed for a viable Palestinian State;
- Israeli settlements – which have been found to be illegal under international law by the International Court of Justice, the UN Security Council and General Assembly and the High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Conventions - are designed and strategically placed to prevent a Palestinian state from ever being established;
- 22 years of negotiations since the Oslo accords have produced no agreement while Israel has continued to build illegal settlements on Palestinian land and has subjected millions of Palestinians to living in abject conditions and persistently denied basic dignity and human rights under military occupation;
- That if Australia's long-standing commitment to a two-state solution is genuine and meaningful we should join the majority of the world's nations in the UN - 135 out of 193 (70%) - and recognise Palestine as a nation state;
- That a just peace can be achieved in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions and international and humanitarian law.

In light of the above, the _____ Branch calls upon the Australian Federal Labor Party and the ALP National Conference to support the recognition of a Palestinian state and declare unequivocally that the next Federal Labor government will:

- recognise Palestine as a sovereign nation state based on 1967 borders;
- condemn the continuation of illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land;
- in the pursuit of a just peace work with the majority of the world's nations to support an end date to the Israeli occupation of Palestine; and,
- towards a solution to the issue of Palestinian refugees.

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