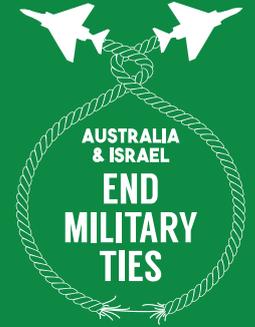


# CLOSE ALLIES: AUSTRALIA AND ISRAEL

# RESOURCE KIT



## INTRODUCTION

This resource kit has been put together to support you in taking action within a group or organisation, calling for Australia to end military ties with Israel.

Any organisation can join the call, whether you're a union, religious group, solidarity organisation, political party or any other type of formalised group.

The more groups and organisations that join the call, by involving their membership, passing motions and co-promoting the campaign, the stronger the call will be.

A key component of any successful solidarity action is communicating well and sharing resources.

Please keep us informed of the actions you may take in relation to this campaign, so we can let other people know about your activities and successes.

Also, please make sure we have your contact details so we can let you know when other individuals and organisations have taken action.

We hope you find this resource kit useful. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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## THE CALL TO ACTION

Find below, a draft motion you can discuss with your group or organisation. We recommend keeping the motion as simple as possible to make it more likely that your organisation will pass it.

### A SHORT MOTION

That [organisation name] calls on Australia to end military ties with Israel.

### MORE DETAILED MOTION:

That [organisation name] calls on Australia to end military ties with Israel. This involves:

1. Prohibiting Australia from supplying, selling or transferring 'arms or related matériel' to Israel.
2. Prohibiting the purchase in Australia of 'arms or related matériel' sold by Israel.
3. Cancelling all military activities between Australia and Israel.

Australia refers to: the Australian government, military or company.

Israel refers to: the Israeli government, military or company.

The Australian government defines 'arms or related matériel' as including any of the following: a) weapons b) ammunition c) military vehicles and equipment d) paramilitary equipment and spare parts and accessories for a,b,c.

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## BACKGROUND FOR MOTION (IF REQUIRED)

That [organisation name] notes that:

1. For over 60 years, Palestinians have been denied the right to self-determination and statehood.
2. The Israeli government's occupation of the West Bank, blockade of Gaza and denial of rights to Palestinians are a significant roadblock to peace and justice.
3. Australia's military involvement with Israel makes Australians complicit in the ongoing injustices in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and the denial of human rights to Palestinians.

## ACTION PLAN

That the [convenor/secretary/etc.] of [organisation name] writes to the Australian government requesting that Australia end military ties with Israel.

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Give people plenty of information: This resource kit and the website, [endmilitarytieswithisrael.com](http://endmilitarytieswithisrael.com), contain a lot of information about Australia's military ties with Israel. While getting your organisation to join the call may be your primary goal, a secondary campaign should be to educate people to help them become advocates for Palestinian rights.
- Communicate your achievements: Passing a motion at a meeting doesn't mean a whole lot if there is no follow on action from it. Here are some suggestions on what you can do:
  - a) write to the Australian government.
  - b) if your action is on behalf of an organisation, let all members of the organisation know.
  - c) inform traditional and new media outlets. You may wish to initially pitch the story to a single media outlet which could increase the chances of it being covered.
  - d) Let other solidarity organisations know. They will support you in your achievement and your actions may inspire them to take the same step within their organisation.
- Be prepared for criticism: The Zionist propaganda machine is highly organised and if your organisation has any kind of public profile you are likely to face some pushback. Some of the criticism you receive, particularly online, may be extremely offensive or abusive. Our suggestion would be to ignore these, unless you have concerns about your physical safety. Knowing that the criticism is coming is an important part of getting through it, so is being able to talk to people who have been through similar experiences. This is why it's important to keep in contact with us and other groups showing solidarity with Palestine.
- Counter the myths: The two most common claims that may be made are easily countered.
  - o Criticising Israel is not anti-Semitic: Anti-Semitism is a disgusting form of bigotry, with a terrible history involving some of Western civilisation's darkest moments. It must be confronted at every turn. Conflating criticism of the government of Israel with anti-Semitism is a cowardly attempt to silence critics and end discussion. It's like saying criticising the Australian government of the day (Labor or Liberal) is a racist attack against every Australian citizen.
  - o Israel is not just defending itself: All governments have a responsibility to ensure their citizens are as safe from harm as possible. This does not give them the right to isolate, dispossess and discriminate against an entire population, especially when those people are supposed to be under their care.

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