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## **NOT IN OUR NAME, PRIME MINISTER**

**SIXTY YEARS OF OPPRESSION  
IS NO CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION**

## **WHERE IS THE JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS?**

On Wednesday 12 March 2008, the Australian Parliament will consider a motion of congratulations and celebration, moved by the Prime Minister and supported by the Leader of the Opposition, for Israel's sixtieth year of statehood, in the presence of the Ambassador of Israel and representatives of the Zionist Federation of Australia.

As informed and concerned Australians, we dissociate ourselves from this motion.

We cannot celebrate sixty years of Israel's existence without acknowledging Israel's unconscionable treatment of Palestinians and occupation of their land in contravention of all accepted norms of human rights and in breach of numerous United Nations resolutions and the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice. We understand why Palestinians refer to the date of Israel's establishment as Al Nakba – the Catastrophe – which led to their deaths, large scale dispossession of land, humiliation, poverty, forced removal to refugee camps and every indignity imaginable – conditions that remain and worsen daily, especially now in the Gaza Strip, where Israel chooses to ignore Hamas' long offered truce.

And so we say to our Australian elected representatives: Do not speak in the name of Australia today concerning Israel. Speak instead of Al Nakba and the trampling of Palestinians' rights, calling on Israel to end the occupation and engage in a genuine process of peace that will bring dignity and justice to all – Palestinians and Israelis.

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