

# IMPROPER MOTION NEEDS PROPER ACTION



It is anticipated that today the Prime Minister Mr. Rudd will deliver a Parliamentary motion in the House of Representatives congratulating Israel on reaching the milestone of 60 years of Statehood. It is said that the Israeli Embassy and the Zionist Federation of Australia are to then host a celebration in Parliament's Mural Hall and that the celebration will be attended by both the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition and other Members of Parliament.

## NOT IN OUR NAME

We, as informed and concerned Australians, choose to disassociate ourselves from a celebration of the triumph of racism and the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians since the al-Nakba (Catastrophe) of 1948. As we write, Israel continues to expand illegal Jewish-only settlements in the West Bank including Arab East Jerusalem.

Australia and Australians should not give the Israeli people and its leaders the impression that Australia supports them in their dispossession of the Palestinian people. Israel has poisoned our (the West's) relations with the whole of the Arab and Muslim world. Rather than celebrating the creation of the State of Israel, we should be recognising the people of Palestine, those who were dispossessed, those who lived and died as refugees, those who continue to live and die and suffer at the hands of the State of Israel, and those who will continue to suffer and die in the future until justice is done.