

**RAIL, TRAM AND BUS UNION – QUEENSLAND BRANCH**  
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The RTBU considers that a just solution to the Palestine-Israel conflict must be based upon international law.

Israel should:

1. Withdraw to the internationally recognised 1967 borders;
2. Allow refugees of 1948 and subsequent conflicts to return home;
3. Remove all its illegal settlements from the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Occupied Syrian Golan Heights (Al-Joulan);
4. Take down the illegal Apartheid Wall; and
5. Respect the Palestinian people's right to national self-determination and right to establish a state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip with its capital in East Jerusalem.

This Union notes that the Israeli occupation has now continued for 43 years.

This Union believes that ending the occupation demands concerted and sustained pressure upon Israel including economic, cultural, academic and sporting boycott.

This Union condemns the economic sanctions imposed upon Occupied Palestinian Territories following Palestinian Parliamentary Elections of 25 January 2006, which make worse the appalling economic circumstances of the occupation. It is a unique example of economic sanctions imposed not on the occupier, but upon a population struggling against illegal military occupation.

In this respect the RTBU will:

1. Campaign with relevant Palestine support groups as appropriate including the support of boycotts and other direct actions;
2. Support Australian union links with the Palestine General Federation of Trade Unions (PGFTU);
3. Continue to support APHEDA-Union Aid Abroad projects in the Occupied Palestinian Territories;
4. Call upon the Australian Government and its allies to end the arms trade with Israel;
5. Produce Union material on Palestine to build knowledge among members; and
6. Raise the issue of Palestine with our overseas partners and with the international trade union federations.

The RTBU supports the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement.