

**Geelong Trades Hall Council (VIC) passes resolution on Gaza  
June 9, 2010**

In view of the 31 May 2010 unprovoked attack by the Israeli Government military units and the murder of 9 peace activists who were part of the group seeking to deliver aid to Gaza, Geelong Trades Hall Council calls on the Rudd government to immediately:

1. Condemn the Israeli government and military for this attack on a peace flotilla in international waters
2. Demand Israel lift the siege of Gaza, and allow the direct delivery of urgent medical supplies
3. Demand that the US stop military aid to Israel
4. Recognise the democratically elected and therefore legitimate Hamas government of Gaza
5. Support the Palestinian and their supporters in emergency protests which are taking across the country today and into the future.
6. Endorses the call by the CFMEU for a “boycott of products and goods produced in illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories”.
7. Joins with local and international unionists to demand that Israel immediately lift its illegal blockade of the Occupied Palestinian Territories and commends the decision and courage of those involved with the international humanitarian effort to continue to transport aid to the occupied territories. In doing so we call on the international community to take whatever measures may be necessary to ensure the safe passage of these humanitarian missions.
8. Demands that military aid and cooperation with Israel be suspended until such time as it lifts its blockade and ends its occupation of Palestinian Territories as required by UN resolutions.

Furthermore, we call on the VTHC and the ACTU, to endorse the action proposed by the CFMEU and to join the Global BDS movement against Israel.