

The council of the Queensland Teachers' Union passed the following resolution seconded by the Deputy General Secretary Graham Maloney, with only two abstentions.

The resolution states:

"Boycott Divestment Sanctions Campaign:

July 9th was the fifth anniversary of the BDS call initiated by Palestinian society requesting international solidarity and support.

1. That this meeting notes the report and presentation about the 2010 Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA study tour given by Mr P Monsour at the last QTU State Council meeting on May 8. With particular reference to: the Gaza blockade; illegal Israeli settlements; the Apartheid practices of the Israeli government; the Israeli government's lack of adherence to international law & UN resolutions; house demolitions; the illegal Separation Wall; the inhumane treatment of Palestinian refugees. And also notes the recent attack in international waters of the Gaza freedom flotilla.
2. That the QTU joins the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions Campaign initiated by Palestinian trade unions and civil society in 2005 that has the aims of: ending Israel's occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the Wall; recognising the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality; and respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194.
3. That the Queensland Teachers Union supports AEU efforts to work towards building national support for the campaign and gain the support of the ACTU for the BDS campaign.
4. That this meeting encourages members to oppose the apartheid practices of the Israeli government by joining the consumer boycott of Israeli goods and that those products under boycott are listed in the union journal in an article that also explains the rationale for the BDS campaign as well as its objectives."