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Affidavit

No. NSD950 of 2025

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: NSW
Division: Human Rights

Joseph Toltz and others

Applicants

Nick Riemer and another

Respondents

Affidavit of: **Hamish Rotstein**
Address: Level 4, 488 Bourke Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Occupation: Solicitor (Managing Director)
Date: 3 July 2026

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I, Hamish Rotstein of Level 4, 488 Bourke Street, Melbourne VIC 3000, Managing Director at Rotstein Commercial lawyers, affirm:

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1. I am the Managing Director of the firm Rostein Commercial Lawyers, the solicitors for the Applicants.
2. The facts deposed to in this affidavit are within my own knowledge except where otherwise stated. Where stated to be based on information or belief, I believe them to be true.
3. I make this affidavit in support of the Applicants' interlocutory application dated 3 July 2026 for orders for leave to file the Further Amended Statement of Claim in the proceeding in the form attached to this affidavit as exhibit **HR-1**.
4. The background correspondence to the bringing of this application is variously set out in the affidavit of Michael David Bradley dated 26 June 2026 and the affidavit of Upekha Suweni Wedage dated 27 June 2026.
5. As previously set out in the letter sent by Rotstein Commercial Lawyers to Marques Lawyers of 17 June 2026, which appears at pages 62 to 64 of the affidavit of Michael David Bradley dated 26 June 2026, the amendments in the Further Amended Statement of Claim in the form attached to this affidavit as exhibit HR-1 implement the Court's order 3 made 26 May 2026 in the proceeding or otherwise arise in consequence of that order. Specifically, the only proposed changes outside the scope of leave are paragraphs 23A, 29A and 32A, the particulars to paragraphs 31A and 35, and to the names of counsel settling the pleading.
6. On 3 July 2026, I sent an email to the solicitors for the Respondents seeking their consent to the filing of the Further Amended Statement of Claim in the form attached to this affidavit as exhibit HR-1. A copy of my email to the parties is attached as Exhibit **HR-2**.

Sworn / Affirmed by the deponent
at Melbourne
in Victoria
on 3 July 2026
Before me.

Signature of witness

Upekha Wedage
Australian Legal Practitioner

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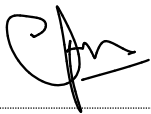
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Certificate identifying Exhibit

This is the Certificate identifying Exhibit "HR-1" annexed to the Affidavit of **Hamish Rotstein**
dated 3 July 2026



Signature of witness

Upekha Wedage
Australian Legal Practitioner

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Further Amended Statement of claim

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Jurisdiction

1. This proceeding is within the jurisdiction of the Federal Court of Australia conferred by section 46PO of the *Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986* (Cth) and section 39B(1A)(c) of the *Judiciary Act 1903* (Cth).

Parties

2. The Applicants are all natural persons capable of suing and ordinarily resident in Australia.
3. The First Applicant (**Dr Joseph Toltz**) is and at all relevant times was:
 - a. a researcher at The University of Sydney (**Sydney University**), specialising in Jewish music and its migrations, and Manager of Research Support in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; and
 - b. a Jewish person.
4. The Second Applicant (**Professor Emeritus Suzanne Rutland OAM**), is and at all relevant times was:
 - a. a Professor Emeritus of ~~The University of Sydney~~ (~~Sydney University~~), Department of Hebrew, Biblical & Jewish Studies; and
 - b. a Jewish person and

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- c. an Israeli person (being an Israeli citizen and identifying as an Israeli).

5. The Third Applicant (**Mr Ariel Eisner**):

- a. is and at all relevant times was an elected officer of the Australasian Union of Jewish Students (**AUJS**);

Particulars

- (i) AUJS is the peak representative body for Jewish university students across Australia and New Zealand.
- (ii) From 7 October 2023, the Third Applicant was the head of politics for AUJS NSW.
- (iii) From January 2025 to the present, the Third Applicant has been the national head of campaigns for AUJS.
- b. was until he graduated in November 2024, a student enrolled at Sydney University studying a Bachelor of Architecture; and
- c. is and at all relevant times was a Jewish person.

6. The Fourth Applicant (**Mr Yaniv Levy**):

- a. is and at all relevant times was a Research Education Lead in the Faculty of Medicine and Health at Sydney University; ~~and~~
- b. was a student at Sydney University enrolled in a Graduate Diploma of Crosscultural and Applied Linguistics from Semester 1 2024 until he withdrew on about 6 August 2024; and
- c. is and at all relevant times was a Jewish person; and
- d. is and at all relevant times was an Israeli person (being an Israeli citizen and a son to two Israeli parents who were born in and continue to reside in Israel and identifies as an Israeli).

7. Each Applicant

- a. is a **Jewish person**; or
- b. an Israeli person ~~who is, or is eligible to be, an Israeli citizen (**Israeli person**)~~
and
- c. identifies as Zionist.

8. For the purposes of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth):

- a. Jewish ~~people~~ persons constitute a group of people with a shared race ~~descent~~ and/or ethnic origin.

- b. Israeli ~~people~~ persons constitute a group of people with a shared ethnic origin and/or nationality origin.
- 9.
 - a. Israel is a nation state and the national home of and for Jewish people;
 - b. Its citizens are mostly Jewish people;
 - c. Most Jewish persons in Australia:
 - 1. feel a personal connectedness with Israel and Israeli people;
 - 2. have relatives living in Israel; and
 - 3. have a concern for the safety of Israelis.
- 10.
 - a. Zionists are ~~predominantly Jewish people and/or Israeli people~~ who believe based on religious, ethno-cultural and legal/political grounds (and Zionism is the belief):
 - 1. in Israel being a nation state and the national home of and for the Jewish people;
 - 2. that the Jewish people, who are a people with shared characteristics, are entitled to self-determination in their historic, ancestral homeland.
 - b. A substantial proportion of Jewish and/or Israeli people identify themselves as Zionists.
- 11. The first respondent (**Dr Riemer**) is and at all relevant times was:
 - a. a Senior Lecturer in the Discipline of English and Writing at Sydney University;
 - b. President of the Sydney University Branch of the National Tertiary Education Union (**USYD NTEU**), and from about 18 October 2024 its Vice President;

Particulars

 - (i) The President of USYD NTEU was required to be a member of the academic staff of Sydney University.
 - (ii) Dr Riemer has, since about 18 October 2024, been Vice-President (academic) of USYD NTEU, a position that also needs to be filled by an academic staff member of Sydney university.
 - c. Head of the Sydney Staff for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (**BDS**) movement at Sydney University.

12. The Second Respondent (**Sydney University**) is a body corporate incorporated under s 5 of the *University of Sydney Act 1989* and is capable of being sued.

Dr Riemer's X (Twitter) and FaceBook Pages

13. At all material times Dr Riemer operated and still operates an X page (**Riemer X Page**) at the web address: <https://x.com/nickriemer1?lang=en>

Particulars

- a. The First Respondent's handle is '@NickRiemer1.'
 - b. At least since 7 October 2023 the First Respondent has referred to himself as being an 'academic,' 'President, USYD @NTEUnion' (recently 'Vice-president (academic)), USYD @NTEUnion, and Author, Boycott Theory & the Struggle for Palestine (2023). He also refers to himself as an activist.
 - c. The First Respondent joined that site on January 2013.
14. In around October 2024 the Riemer X Page had approximately 5,220 Followers and at the time of the Further Amended Statement of Claim has about 5,519 5,543 6,441 Followers.
15. The Riemer X Page is and was at all relevant times accessible by members of the public whether or not they 'follow' Dr Riemer.
16. The Riemer X Page is regularly updated with various publications including text, photos and audio-visual recordings of remarks and speeches.
17. A number of the publications which appear on the Riemer X Page include links to various written or spoken material by Dr Riemer or material the content of which he endorses or on which he comments.
18. Dr Riemer still operates and has at all material times operated a Facebook page (**Riemer Facebook Page**) at the web address: <https://www.facebook.com/nick.riemer.9>
19. The Riemer Facebook Page is and was at all relevant times accessible by members of the public whether or not they 'follow' Dr Riemer.
20. The Riemer Facebook Page was or has been regularly updated with various publications including text, photos and audio-visual recordings of remarks and speeches. Dr Riemer stated that he does not post much on Facebook anymore since Facebook "*censor pro-Palestinian content so much.*" Accordingly the Riemer X Page is more recently and extensively used by him than Facebook.

The first and second intifadas

21. The intifadas were, ~~and were known as~~, the armed and violent uprising of Palestinians against Israeli occupation of the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) and Gaza strip.
 22. The first intifada began in December 1987 and ended in September 1993. The second intifada began in December 2000 and had run its course by late 2005. The two uprisings resulted in the death of more than 5,000 Palestinians and some 1,400 Jews or Israelis.
 23. ~~The first intifada began with rioting but after the first year it shifted from throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at Israeli targets to attacking Jews or Israelis with rifles, hand grenades and explosives.~~
 24. ~~The second intifada was much more violent than the first. The violence included directly attacking Jewish or Israeli civilian centres, but also attacks on vehicles and civilians through suicide bombings, drive by shootings and rocket attacks. Over 1,000 Jews or Israelis were killed, and thousands of Jews or Israelis were severely injured, in those attacks. During the approximate five year uprising, more than 4,300 fatalities were registered with a similar ratio of Palestinian to Jewish or Israeli deaths to the first intifada of the second intifada being slightly more than 3 to 1.~~
 25. ~~The Palestinians engaging in the violence described above against Jewish persons or Israeli persons did so because they were, or were believed to be, Jewish persons or Israeli persons.~~
- 23A. A sufficiently significant proportion of Jewish and Israeli persons in Australia for purposes of the s18C RDA legislative prohibition (not taking into account those who are over-sensitive or especially sanguine) believe that:
- (a) The first intifada began with rioting but after the first year it shifted from throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at Israeli targets to attacking Jews or Israelis with rifles, hand grenades and explosives;
 - (b) The second intifada was much more violent than the first. The violence included directly attacking Jewish or Israeli civilian centres, but also attacks on vehicles and civilians through suicide bombings, drive by shootings and rocket attacks. A very substantial number of Jews or Israelis were killed or severely injured in those attacks, being higher in number than the Jews or Israelis who were killed or severely injured in the first intifada; or
 - (c) The Palestinians engaging in the violence described above against Jewish persons or Israeli persons did so because they were, or were believed to be, Jewish persons or Israeli persons.

Hamas

26. Since 4 March 2022 Hamas has been listed by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth as a terrorist organisation under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth): s 102.1.
27. The Statement of Reasons for listing Hamas as a terrorist organisation include that it is guided by Islamic principles of “*destroying Israel*”.
28. The Hamas Covenants express an intention is to dismantle Israel as ‘*the Zionist entity*’ and to create an Islamic State in its place.

Particulars

- a. Particulars are annexed to this Further Amended Statement of Claim.

29. The Hamas Covenants identify Hamas’ *raison d’être* as “*obliterating*” Israel and “*killing the Jews*”.

29A A sufficiently significant proportion of Jewish and Israeli persons in Australia for purposes of the s18C RDA legislative prohibition (not taking into account those who are over-sensitive or especially sanguine) believe that Hamas is committed to:

- a. Destroying Israel; and
- b. Killing Jewish persons or Israeli persons.

7 October 2023

30. On 7 October 2023, Hamas members illegally invaded the State of Israel and killed, raped, maimed, sexually abused or tortured more than 1,200 Jewish ~~people~~ persons and/or Israeli ~~people~~ persons.
31. During the 7 October 2023 invasion, Hamas members also kidnapped, abducted and took as hostages more than 250 persons who were overwhelmingly Jewish ~~people~~ persons or Israeli ~~people~~ persons including women, children and the elderly.
- 31A Between 7 October 2023 and each of the impugned acts referred to below, there have been circumstances manifesting a sustained increase in antisemitism or discrimination towards Jews and Israelis in Australia including harm and damage to Jewish or Israeli people and/or their property which inform the reasonably likely reaction of Jewish or Israelis persons to the impugned conduct set out below.

Particulars

The Applicants rely on the Reports by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry concerning Antisemitism in Australia in 2023 (**2023 Report**) and 2024.

The 2023 Report reported a 738% increase in antisemitic incidents in October and November 2023 compared to the months of October and November in 2022.

Some of the incidents of antisemitism since 7 October 2023 that precede the impugned conduct include:

1. 9 October 2023 – Protests outside Sydney Opera House on 9 October 2023 celebrating the 7 October attack and making of antisemitic chants.
2. 28 October 2023 – a 44-year-old Jewish man was severely beaten by pro-Palestinians in Arncliffe, Sydney, resulting in him being hospitalised for four days.
3. 10 November 2023 – a riot broke out in Caulfield, Melbourne, forcing the evacuation of a synagogue and resulting in a Jewish man being injured by being hit with a large rock thrown by an anti-Israel protester.
4. 18 November 2023 – 72 year old Jewish man in Bentleigh, Melbourne assaulted while entering a synagogue by an assailant after seeing Jewish calendars in his car.
5. 4 December 2023 – a group of 13-year-old Jewish girls wearing the uniform of their Jewish school had food and a box with swastikas etched and drawn onto it thrown at them in Bondi Junction, Sydney.
6. 6 January 2024 – a group of 10-15 males in St Kilda shouted “Fuck the Jews” at several Jewish people before throwing shoes at and spitting on them.
7. February 2024 – Almost 600 Jewish Australians doxed (including First and Second Applicants and Dr Lionel Babicz) when personal details of people in a Whatsapp group formed by Jewish writers, artists, musicians and academics were disseminated by anti-Zionist activists.
8. 5 February 2024 – a Year 10 Jewish student in a Sydney school was told to “Go back to the gas chambers”, subjected to Nazi salutes/Hitler references and shoved.
9. From late April 2024 – Australian pro-Palestinian encampments emerged at universities, including ANU and Sydney University. From 7 October 2023 until the last impugned act below, Jewish and Israeli university students frequently reported being the subject of intimidating actions including chants, banners, Nazi salutes.

~~32. Hamas's terrorist acts described above were taken because Hamas's leadership, commanders, members and operatives in the field believed the men, women and children intended by them to be subjected, and in fact subjected, to those acts:~~

~~a. were Jewish persons or Israeli persons; and~~

~~b. were subjected to those acts because they were or were believed to be in almost all cases Jewish persons or Israeli persons.~~

32A A sufficiently significant proportion of Jewish and Israeli persons in Australia for purposes of the s18C RDA legislative prohibition (not taking into account those who are over-sensitive or especially sanguine) believe that Hamas's terrorist acts described above (see [30]-[31]) were taken because Hamas's leadership, commanders, members and operatives in the field believed that the men, women and children intended by them to be subjected, and in fact subjected, to those acts:

a. were Jewish persons or Israeli persons; and

b. were subjected to those acts because they were or were believed to be in almost all cases Jewish persons or Israeli persons.

DR RIEMER'S IMPUGNED ACTS UNDER s 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth) (RDA)

a. **'The call for a Global Intifada'**

33. On 1 November 2023, Dr Riemer posted the following post calling for a meeting of students to promote "Palestine: the case for a global intifada" (**the Riemer Global Intifada X Post**), which post was coupled with a Hamas bulldozer picture showing the widely publicised bulldozing by Hamas on 7 October 2023 of the Israeli security fence separating Gaza from Israel.



34. The Riemer Global Intifada X Post:

- a. contains 3 photos which when clicked on become larger photos;
- b. the 3 photos are annexed to this Further Amended Statement of Claim and are relied on as though set out in full in paragraph [33] above; and
- c. the photo at the bottom of the post when clicked on becomes visible as a larger picture. The photo visibly states at the top "A student meeting hosted by Solidarity".

34A. Dr Riemer's status as former President (now Vice President) of the NTEU and/or Head of the Sydney Staff for BDS and/or otherwise as a senior Sydney University academic has at all relevant times:

- a. put him in a position of influence over many Sydney University (and other university) students, academics and others; and
- b. resulted in his conduct being publicly endorsed, emulated and/or followed by, or him acting in concert with, students, academics and others, when undertaking any or all of the impugned acts the subject of this pleading (and substantially similar conduct), including the Call for a Global Intifada act.

Particulars

1. Solidarity exemplifies a pro-Palestinian student group which frequently supports, reposts, follows and acts in concert with Dr Riemer, including posting Dr Riemer's content online or publicly acting in concert with him, in respect of conduct which can be said to be offensive, intimidating, insulting and humiliating to Jewish or Israelis persons (particularly younger Jewish/Israeli students and persons) and at least one reason for the doing of said conduct is race, ethnic or national origin. that closely follows and mimics Dr Riemer. Further particulars to be are provided by letter of the Applicants' solicitors of 29 July 2025.
 2. Particulars of conduct are annexed to this Further Amended Statement of Claim.
 3. Further particulars may be provided prior to trial.
35. In Dr Riemer's letter to the Vice Chancellor of Sydney University, Mark Scott, which is annexed to the Global Intifada X Post, Dr Riemer protests a decision by Mark Scott to ban an intended Solidarity student meeting (that in any event ensued) on 1 November 2023 which was to support a global intifada as set out in the headline '*Palestine: the case for a global intifada*'.

Particulars

1. One of the pictures posted by Dr Riemer in his Global Intifada X Post (see [33] and [34c] above) was an advertisement of the intended Solidarity '*Palestine: the case for a global intifada*' meeting referred to immediately above.
 2. The same advertisement was done by way of online advertisements, both by Dr Riemer and by Solidarity and have remained accessible online. The Applicants here refer to and repeat [34] above.
 3. Relatedly that advertisement was also done by way of the same physical posters being placed publicly (by Solidarity members) around Sydney University, which remained present and visible at least until the end of the 2023 University year.
36. The Riemer Global Intifada X Post has been constantly displayed on the Riemer X Page since 1 November 2023, attracted over 124,700 views as at the time of filing the Complaint (October 2024), and attracted about 125,100 125,200 125,400 views as at the date of the Further Amended Statement of Claim.

37. On 1 November 2023 - the same day as Dr Riemer posted the Riemer Global Intifada X Post - the Solidarity meeting did take place in a public open-air space location at Sydney University.

Particulars

1. Further particulars may be provided prior to trial.
38. There was group chanting at the meeting by persons, including Dr Nick Riemer, as follows:

"...Israel out of Gaza, Israel out of Palestine, long live the intifada! Free, free the West Bank, Israel out of Gaza, Israel out of Palestine long live the intifada!"

39. The individual speech made by Dr Riemer at the meeting included the following statement:

"...we have a right to organise around supporting Palestinians. It's not just a slogan. Their resistance is justified because of the occupation, at all times, violent or not."

Particulars

1. Substantial admission made in ABC Radio National interview entitled 'Anti-Zionism on trial,' dated 12 October 2025, 12:26ff.
40. The Riemer Global Intifada X Post and Dr Riemer's participation in the chant and the quoted section of his speech conveyed the following imputations:
- a. The violent uprising against Jewish people and Israeli people in Israel in support of a Palestinian state in the first and second intifadas should extend to a violent global uprising against Jews and Israelis in Australia and other parts of the world in support of the Palestinian resistance.
 - b. That the events of 7 October were to be celebrated and endorsed.
 - c. That Hamas' Intifada and its related violence against Israelis and Jews, including on 7 October, is justified until Israel, Israelis and Jews are removed from Palestine.
- b. **Riemer's 8 October Post**
41. On 8 October 2023, the day after the 7 October Hamas attacks in Israel, Dr Riemer posted the following to his Riemer X Page (**Riemer's 8 October Post**):



42. In about October 2024, Dr Riemer's 8 October Post had in excess of 319,100 views and at the date of this Further Amended Statement of Claim it has~~d~~ about ~~320,000~~ 320,300 320,600 views and remains accessible.
43. Dr Riemer's 8 October Post conveyed the following imputations:
- Hamas' cause, and what it did, on 7 October 2023 against Jewish people and Israeli people in pursuit of that cause should not be considered to be unjust;
 - people should express solidarity with, and support of, Hamas' objectives and activities against Jewish people and Israeli people;
 - people should express their solidarity with, and support of, Hamas' cause and its activities on 7 October 2023 in support of that cause.

c. **Riemer's 7 October Repost**

44. On 7 October 2023 Dr Riemer reposted the following tweet on his Riemer X account:



45. As at about March 2024, Riemer's 7 October repost had over 42,000 views, and at the date of this Further Amended Statement of Claim it has about 42,500 views and remains accessible.
46. The post (endorsed by the Repost) proceeds on the basis that the Jewish people and/or Israeli people who had been murdered, maimed, kidnapped, raped or sexually abused were Zionists by virtue of being Jewish and/or Israeli.

47. The 7 October repost had the following imputation:

- a. There is no basis or reason for anyone to be upset or shocked by the murder, maiming, kidnapping, rape and sexual abuse by Hamas of Jewish people and Israeli people on 7 October 2023.

d. *Rierner's Overland Article published on 15 October 2023*

48. On 15 October 2023, Dr Rierner published an article in *Overland* which was and remains able to be viewed at: <https://overland.org.au/2023/10/it-has-never-been-more-vital-to-stand-with-palestine/> and is annexed to this Further Amended Statement of Claim.

49. *Overland* is an established Australian literary and cultural magazine published quarterly in print as well as online.

50. The article describes the author as follows: *"Nick Rierner works in the English and linguistics departments at the University of Sydney. He is currently president of the Sydney University branch of the National Tertiary Education Union."*

51. The article contained the following extracts:

"That is just one reason why solidarity with Palestinians is essential for anyone who wants to retain their own fundamental freedoms. Palestine solidarity is not just internationalism or anticolonialism or antiracism or even humanitarianism; it is not just an expression of compassion, or altruism, or basic decency: it is a necessity for the defence of democratic prerogatives against authoritarianism and neo-fascism in Western nations. In cheering on the antidemocratic suppression of protest Zionists sometimes thought of as 'liberal' have let their masks slip. Their support for Israeli apartheid and permanent war against Palestinians can only mean opposition to democracy in their own countries" [P 3/13]

...

The official representatives of democracy, with honourable rare exceptions, have failed democracy again.

...

Condemning a person means abandoning the effort to understand them. After a condemnation, all that is left is absolute rejection and banishment: renouncing the devil and all his works. Condemning is what a judge does when they sentence a prisoner to death. Once someone is condemned, there's no point in talking about why they might have done what they have done: the final verdict is delivered; no more remains to be said. This is exactly why Zionists demand that we condemn Hamas: to block any move towards understanding it and what might motivate its resistance to Israeli colonisation – to erase the understanding of why Palestinians fight back." [P-4/13]

52. The first extract set out above has the following imputation:

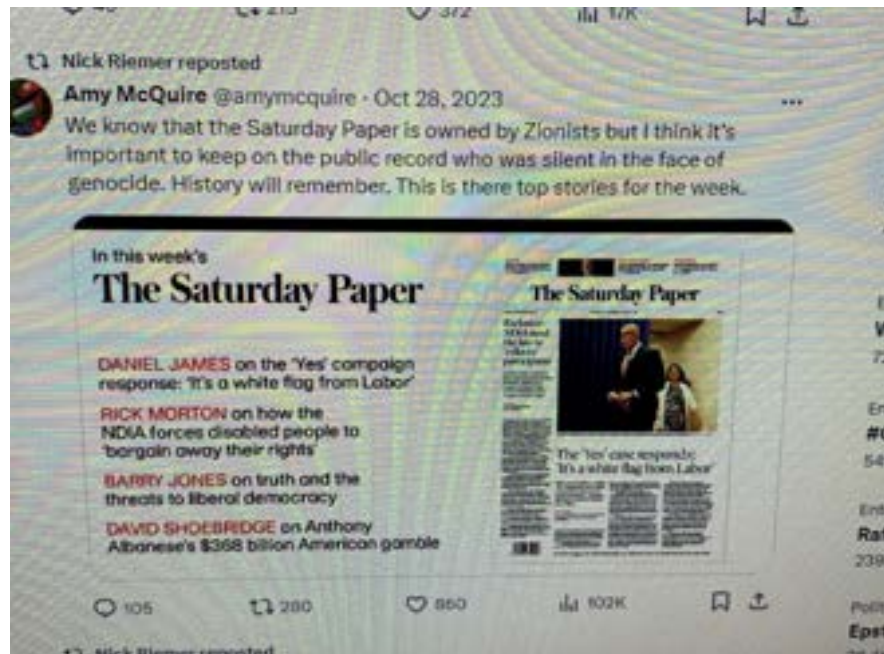
- a. contrary to the false image that Jewish people and Israeli people have cultivated, Jewish people and Israeli people have now been exposed as racist supporters of apartheid and of a permanent war against Palestinians as well as being people who surreptitiously oppose democracy in their own countries.

53. The third extract set out above has the following imputation:

- a. Jewish people and Israeli people demand condemnation of Hamas only so as to erase any understanding of why there is Palestinian resistance to Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories.

e. **The Saturday Paper "Owned By Zionists" Repost**

54. On 28 October 2023, Dr Riemer reposted an Amy McQuire post as follows:



55. As at about March 2024, the Saturday Paper "Owned by Zionists" Repost had about 102,000 views, and at the date of the Further Amended Statement of Claim has about 102,800 views and remains accessible.

56. The Saturday Paper "Owned by Zionists" Repost had the following imputations:

- a. Jewish people misuse their ownership of the media to conceal from the public the genocide that Jewish people and Israeli people are engaging in Gaza;
- b. the silence of Jewish people and Israeli people about that genocide will fail because history will remember and record it.

57. By making those imputations, the "Owned by Zionists" Repost repeats and amplifies the well known antisemitic trope that the Jews control the media.

f. **The "No room for Zionism in our Unions" Speech and Posts**

58. Dr Riemer made ~~two~~ related X Posts on 12 November 2023. The first Post quotes Dr Riemer's own speech at a rally the day before in Port Botany (Speech):



Nick Riemer
@NickRiemer1

There were some hugely powerful & moving speeches from Palestinians at yesterday's Botany protest which I hope we captured on video. I spoke on why there's no room for racism, settler-colonialism, apartheid or Zionism in our unions. 🇵🇸



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Nick Riemer @NickRiemer1 · Nov 12, 2023



As union members, we're here to say that we stand alongside the Palestinians of Gaza, of the West Bank and the diaspora. Touch one, touch all.



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Nick Riemer @NickRiemer1 · Nov 12, 2023



That's why there's no room for genocide apologia in our unions.

That's why there is no room for warmongering in our unions.



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Nick Riemer @NickRiemer1 · Nov 12, 2023



That's why there is no room for racism, for settler-colonialism, for apartheid in our unions, and there is no room for Zionism in our unions.



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58A In addition to the first post above, the full Speech was also posted by consecutive posts including the 3 passages immediately above (**Posts**), and is annexed to this Further Amended Statement of Claim and relied on as though set out in full in [58] above.

59. At the time of filing this Further Amended Statement of Claim, the “No room for Zionism in our Unions” Posts had about 6,706 6,731 6,764 and 526 541 212, 206 and 566 views respectively and remain accessible online.
60. The “No room for Zionism in our Unions” Speech and Posts (which reproduced the Speech) had the following imputations:
- Jewish people and Israeli people should be excluded from any participation in Unions in Australia including in the National Tertiary Education Union.
 - Because of the genocide apologia, warmongering, racism, settler-colonialism and apartheid engaged in by Jewish people and Israeli people there is no room for such people in the Union movement in Australia, including in the National Tertiary Education Union.

g. The Lattouf sacking Post

61. On ~~about 20 December~~ 12 November 2023, ~~being the same day as Dr Riemer posted the “No room for Zionism in our Unions” Speech and Posts,~~ Dr Riemer posted the following:



62. At the time of filing this Further Amended Statement of Claim, the Lattouf sacking Post had over 25,600 views and remained accessible.
63. The Lattouf sacking Post had the following imputations:
- Jewish people and/or Israeli people are “unbridled McCarthyists” when they supported the sacking of ABC presenter Antoinette Lattouf.
 - Those Jewish people and/or Israeli people are a threat to the public and that threat is getting worse.

h. The Zionists are racists Post

64. On 29 December 2023, Dr Riemer reposted the following in two postings on the Riemer X Page:



Particulars

- A repost of Mondoweiss.
- A repost of Randa Abdel-Fattah.

65. At the time of filing the Complaint in October 2024, the Zionists are racists Reposts had over 112,600 views (Randa Abdel-Fattah repost) and 5,862 views (Mondoweiss) and at the date of this Further Amended Statement of Claim over 112,600 113,000 (Randa Abdel-Fattah repost) and 5,862 5,886 views (Mondoweiss) and remained accessible.

66. The Zionists are racists Reposts had the following imputation:

a. Jewish people, Israeli people and Zionists are racists.

i. **The Zionists smartwash Repost**

67. On 24 December 2023, Dr Riemer reposted the following post:



68. At the time of filing the Complaint in October 2024, the Zionists smartwash Repost had about 940 views, and at the date of the Further Amended Statement of Claim was not accessible.

69. The Zionists smartwash Repost had the following imputation:

a. Jewish people, Israeli people and Zionists deceptively and falsely proclaim that the atrocities committed by Israel were normal lawful activities.

j. **The Zionists' Licence to Lie and Slander Post**

70. On 2 February 2024, Dr Riemer posted the following Post:



71. At the time of filing this Further Amended Statement of Claim, Riemer's Zionists' Licence to Lie and Slander Post has about 7,085 7,094 7,126 views and remains accessible.
72. The Zionists' "Licence to Lie and Slander" Post had the following imputation:
 - a. Jewish people, Israeli people and Zionists are people who lie and slander in pursuing their causes.
73. By making those imputations, the "Zionists' Licence to Lie and Slander" Post repeats and amplifies the well known antisemitic trope that the Jews are deceptive.
- k. **The Zionists support genocide Repost**

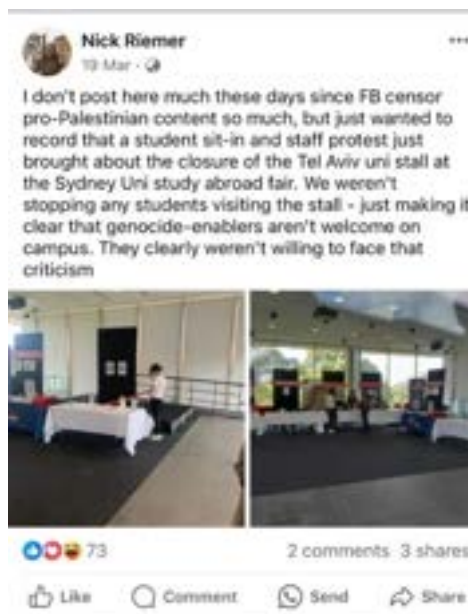
74. On 5 March 2024, Dr Riemer reposted the following post:



75. At the time of filing the Complaint in October 2024, Dr Riemer's "Zionists support genocide" Repost had in excess of 67,900 views and at the date of this Further Amended Statement of Claim has over 68,000 views and remains accessible.
76. The "Zionists support genocide" Repost had the following imputations:
- Jewish people, Israeli people and Zionists support genocide;
 - Jewish people, Israeli people and Zionists are hypocrites.

I. **The genocide enablers Post**

77. On 19 March 2024, Dr Riemer posted the following post on his Facebook page which remains accessible:



78. The "genocide enablers" Post had the following imputation:

- a. The Israeli people at the Tel Aviv University stall at Sydney University and other Jewish people or Israeli people are genocide enablers.
- b. That Jewish people and Israeli people are not welcome on the Sydney University campus.

m. **The akin to Nazis Repost**

79. On 29 April 2024, Dr Riemer reposted the following post:



80. At the time of filing the Complaint, the “akin to Nazis” Repost had about 2,376 views and at the date of this Further Amended Statement of Claim has about 2,412 views and remains accessible.

81. The “akin to Nazis” Repost had the following imputations:

- a. Jewish people, Israeli people and Zionists, are akin to Nazis and misogynists.
- b. Jewish people, Israeli people and Zionists have no right to cultural safety.

n. **The Genocide Post and Speech**

82. On 3 May 2024, Dr Riemer posted on his X Page the “Genocide” Post and Speech as set out below.

“Safety means opposing Genocide”:

...

A ‘march for a single campus’: Let’s reflect on that. Zionists clearly think that if they talk about safety, then they’ll be able to make people think that they’re the victims, and forget that, actually, they’re supporting a genocidal slaughter. They think safety on campus will turn the debate in their favour and put us on the back foot.”

...

“What happens when we tell Zionists that there just is no identity that can have as its condition the dispossession and slaughter of an entire people? They instantly tell us that we’re making them feel unsafe”

- 82A The Genocide Post and Speech, which included the statements immediately above, are annexed to this Further Amended Statement of Claim and relied on as though set out in full in [82] above.
83. At the time of filing the Complaint in about October 2024, Riemer’s Genocide Post and Speech had in excess of 34,300 views, and at the time of the Further Amended Statement of Claim it had in excess of 34,800 views and remains accessible.
84. The paragraphs set out above, and the Speech contain the following imputations:
- a. Jewish people, Israeli people and Zionists support the genocidal slaughter of Palestinians.
 - b. Jewish people, Israeli people and Zionists mislead people into thinking they feel unsafe when what they are really doing seeking freedom to support genocide.

Contravention of s 18C - Dr Riemer

85. Dr Riemer’s postings, repostings, chant, speeches and the article described above (**the impugned acts**) each caused words, sounds and/or images to be communicated to the public. They were:
- a. done in a public place; and were
 - b. done in the sight and hearing of people who were in a public place; and
 - c. not acts done in private.
86. Dr Riemer’s making of each of the impugned acts, by conveying any or all of the imputations alleged, ~~when considered individually and/or cumulatively and/or~~

~~collectively~~, were reasonably likely in all the circumstances, to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate Jewish ~~people~~ persons or Israeli ~~people~~ persons in Australia.

87. ~~The reliance in the Amended Statement of Claim concerning Dr Riemer's impugned acts is cumulative, with the consequence that each can be relied upon cumulatively or collectively for the purposes of establishing both the causation and racial elements in s18C of the RDA.~~

88. The impugned acts were done or made because of the race, national or ethnic origin of the people reasonably likely to be offended, insulted, humiliated or intimidated by the posting including because:

- a. References to Zionists are, properly understood, to be a reference to (at least) a majority of Jewish people and Israeli people in Australia;
- b. The subject matter of the impugned acts was related by context to events that were themselves directly related to the race, ethnic origin or national origin (Jewish and/or Israeli) of the victims of the events of October 7; ~~and~~
- c. The impugned acts were calculated to convey a message about or concerned with the race, ethnic origin or national origin of Jewish or Israeli persons;
- d. The impugned acts were actuated or motivated by considerations of race, ethnic origin or national origin or, in the alternative, race, or ethnic or national origin was otherwise a factor in Dr Riemer doing the impugned acts;
- e. Dr Riemer has a tendency to engage in conduct which does and is intended to offend and/or insult and/or humiliate and/or intimidate Jewish ~~people~~ persons and Israeli ~~people~~ persons.

89. In the premises, Dr Riemer contravened s 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth) and engaged in unlawful discrimination within the meaning of ss 3(1) and 46P of the *Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986* (Cth).

Dr Riemer's Overland article and No Room for Zionism in our Unions Speech and Post – Vicarious liability of Sydney University

90. Dr Riemer is an employee of Sydney University.

91. The Overland article and the "No Room for Zionism in our Unions" Speech and Posts were made in connection with Dr Riemer's duties as an employee of Sydney University.

- a. The Overland Article is a formal academic publication by Dr Riemer which includes the statement: "*Nick Riemer works in the English and linguistics departments at the University of Sydney. He is currently president of the Sydney University branch of the National Tertiary Education Union.*"

- b. The “No Room for Zionism in our Unions” Speech and Posts relates to the participation of Jewish and Israeli people in Unions.
 - c. The Enterprise Agreement, cl 366(b)(ii)(iii)(iv), holds the Parties to that Agreement, including Sydney University, the NTEU, and all staff (including Dr Riemer), to protect the right of participation in Unions and to engage in community services “*without fear of harassment, intimidation or unfair treatment in their employment*” and “*staff must not engage in harassment, vilification or intimidation.*”
 - d. The Overland Article and the “No Room for Zionism in our Unions” Speech and Posts, had the potential to and, did have an adverse effect on the workplace with which he was connected at Sydney University.
 - e. That public speech of this kind by its employees is connected to their duties of employment by Sydney University is demonstrated by:
 - 1. the *University of Sydney Enterprise Agreement 2023-2026* (eg. cll 354, 360, 361, 362, 366 and 368);
 - 2. Sydney University Staff and Affiliates Code of Conduct 2021 (eg. cll 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 15, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24);
 - 3. Public Comment Policy of Sydney University (eg. Guidelines and Pt 2);
 - 4. *University of Sydney Act 1989* (NSW) (eg. s 2); and
 - 5. *Charter of Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom 2019*.
92. The Overland article and the “No Room for Zionism in our Unions” Speech and Posts are acts that would have been unlawful had they been done by Sydney University for the reasons set out at paragraphs [48]-[53], [58]-[60], and [85]-[89] above.
93. Sydney University failed to take all reasonable steps to prevent Dr Riemer from publishing the Overland article and from making the No Room for Zionism our Unions Speech and Posts.
94. In the premises above, Dr Riemer’s Overland Article and the “No Room for Zionism in our Unions” Speech and Posts ~~(and their non-removal)~~ were acts of Dr Riemer done in connection with his duties as an employee or agent of Sydney University for the purposes of imposing vicarious liability on Sydney University for the unlawful discrimination by Dr Riemer for the purposes of s 18E of the RDA.

Complaint to the Australian Human Rights Commission

95. On about 31 October 2024, the Applicants lodged with the Australian Human Rights Commission under sections 46P and 46PB of the *Australian Human Rights Commission*

Act 1986 (Cth) a complaint against the Respondents alleging unlawful discrimination (**AHRC Complaint**).

96. The unlawful discrimination alleged above is the same or the same in substance as the unlawful discrimination alleged in the AHRC Complaint.
97. On 14 April 2025, a delegate of the President of the Australian Human Rights Commission terminated the AHRC Complaint under section 46PH(1B)(b) of the *Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986 (Cth)*, on the ground that there was no reasonable prospect of the matter being settled by conciliation.

Particulars

- a. AHRC Notice of Termination in File No. 2024-15487 dated 14 April 2025 including Attachment A (Reasons for decision), Attachment B (A copy of the complaint) and Attachment C (A copy of the amendment to the complaint).

Relief

98. In the premises, the Applicants are entitled to the relief claimed in the Originating Application.

Date: ~~13 June 2025~~ 29 July 2025 3 July 2026

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Signed by Hamish Rotstein
Lawyer for the Applicants

This pleading was prepared by Adam Butt and Dylan Dexter ~~settled by Saul Holt KC~~.

Certificate of lawyer

I Hamish Rotstein certify to the Court that, in relation to the Further Amended Statement of Claim filed on behalf of the Applicant, the factual and legal material available to me at present provides a proper basis for each allegation in the pleading.

Date: ~~13 June 2025~~ 29 July 2025 3 July 2026

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Signed by Hamish Rotstein
Lawyer for the Applicants

ANNEXURE

Particulars to Paragraph [28]

- a. The Hamas Covenants pleaded are two documents, namely:
 - i. the Hamas Covenant 1988, *The Covenant of the Islamic Resistance Movement*, 18 August 1988; and
 - ii. the May 2017 Charter document entitled *The Islamic Resistance Movement "Hamas", A Document of General Principles and Policies*.
- b. As to the Hamas Covenant 1988:
 - i. Preamble: "*Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it.*"
 - ii. "*Our struggle against the Jews is very great and very serious. It needs all sincere efforts. It is a step that inevitably should be followed by other steps....until the enemy is vanquished and Allah's victory is realised.*"
 - iii. Article 7: "*The Islamic Resistance Movement is one of the links in the chain of the struggle against the Zionist invaders....The Day of Judgement will not come about until Moslems fight the Jews (killing the Jews), when the Jew will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say O Moslems, O Abdulla, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him.*"
 - iv. Article 13: "*There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through Jihad.*"
 - v. Article 14: "*the liberation of Palestine is bound to three circles..(including) the Islamic circle. Each circle[] has its role in the struggle against Zionism...Palestine is an Islamic land...liberation of Palestine is..an individual duty for [e]very Moslem.*"
 - vi. Article 28: "*Israel, Judaism and Jews challenge Islam and the Moslem people. 'May the cowards never sleep.'*"
 - vii. Article 32: "*Leaving the circle of struggle with Zionism is high treason, and cursed be he who does that... The Islamic Resistance Movement consider itself to be the spearhead of the circle of struggle with world Zionism.*"
 - viii. Article 35: "*Moslems...should be able to confront the Zionist invasion and defeat it.*"

a. As to the May 2017 Charter:

- i. Article 1: *"The Islamic Resistance Movement "Hamas["]"... goal is to liberate Palestine and confront the Zionist project. Its frame of reference is Islam, which determines its principles, objectives and means."*
- ii. Article 14: *"The Israeli entity is the plaything of the Zionist project and its base of aggression... The Zionist project does not target the Palestinian people alone; it is the enemy of the Arab and Islamic Ummah"*
- iii. Article 16: *"Hamas... wages a struggle against the Zionists... the Zionists who constantly identify Judaism and the Jews with their... illegal entity"*
- iv. Article 17: *"The Zionist movement...must disappear from Palestine"*
- v. Article 18: *"The establishment of 'Israel' is entirely illegal."*
- vi. Article 19: *"There shall be no recognition of the legitimacy of the Zionist entity."*
- vii. Article 20: *"Hamas believes that no part of the land of Palestine shall be compromised or conceded, irrespective of the...circumstances...Hamas rejects any alternative to the full and complete liberation of Palestine from the river to the sea...(and) reject[s] the Zionist entity"*
- viii. Article 41: *"Hamas...denounces the support granted by any party to the Zionist entity."*

The 3 Photos Forming Part of the Riemer Global Intifada X Post (Paragraphs [33]-[34] above)

I

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your reply to my earlier email about disproportionate restrictions on pro-Palestinian speech at the university.

Since receiving it this morning, I have become aware of your decision to ban from any university room the student meeting 'Palestine: the case for a global intifada', that was to be held today, on the grounds that it 'may be linked to support for terrorist activities'. The justification you cite for this extraordinary claim is that (a) the poster for the event contains an image of a bulldozer knocking down the Gaza fence; and (b) the phrase 'global intifada' occurs in the event's title.

This decision is a serious affront to academic freedom, freedom of assembly and freedom of political speech on campus. It is exactly an instance of the censorship and penalisation of pro-Palestinian political speech on campus that I warned of in my email on Monday. I can only conclude that your assurances to me that this speech is protected cannot be taken at face value.

The reasons you have offered for banning the meeting could not withstand the slightest objective scrutiny and are unworthy of an institution supposedly dedicated to the fearless and independent pursuit of knowledge. 'Intifada' refers to an 'uprising', and is used in relation to many different kinds of political and military activity. As I reminded you in my original email, armed resistance is a right of an occupied people. Short of considering any act of Palestinian resistance as definitionally terrorism – exactly the position of the Israeli government and its international supporters, which your decision reinforces – the presence of the term 'intifada' cannot possibly justify banning a meeting.

Furthermore, the image of the bulldozer is a factual representation of one of the events of October 7. You have not explained how it can be construed in any way as 'support for terrorism'. The poster contains a second, and in fact larger, image of a mass protest. Does the university count this as 'support for terrorism' too?

I note that you have not responded to my invitation to discuss what the university can do to support the institutional academic boycott of Israel – an expressly non-violent tactic that Palestinians have been promoting for almost two decades – or registered any interest in my proposal about positive support for the Palestinians of Gaza, for instance through international scholarships. Do you not consider either of these concrete measures in solidarity with Palestine as even worth discussing?

By suppressing campus Palestine solidarity in this way, the university under your leadership is siding with a state responsible for genocidal war-crimes and contributing to the toxic and state-sponsored racism and Islamophobia that already afflicts Palestinian and other Middle Eastern people in Australia. The reasoning behind the ban makes a mockery of the claim that the university is treating Palestine and Israel support equally, or that it is a place that genuinely values its role as a source of independent and critical perspectives on current events.

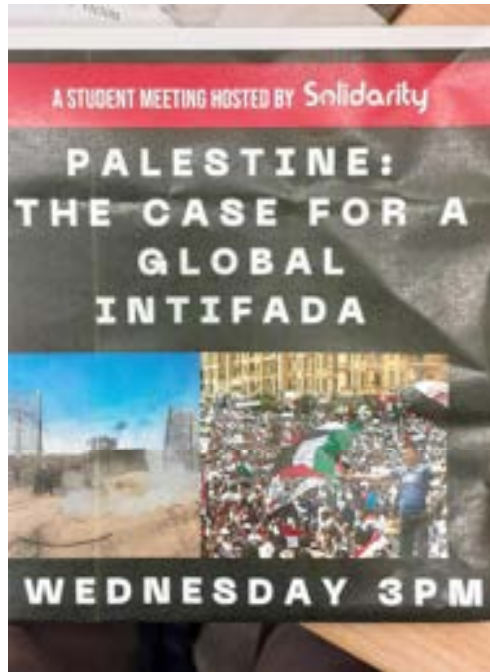
The meaning and use of the term 'intifada' does not require significant research to establish, but I would be happy to arrange a briefing on it for you and other decision-makers at the university so this serious miscarriage of justice does not reoccur.

I urge you to rescind the ban immediately, and I remain available to discuss what steps can be taken to undo the damage that your decision has caused to students, staff, and to the cause of a just peace in historic Palestine.

Since this matter is already in the media, I reserve the right to make my response public.

Regards

Nick Riemer



Particulars to Paragraph [34A]

All X Reposts have a default function on X where the link to the Repost opens instead to the original post. Screenshots of the Reposts are however available on request.

No.	Description	Conduct	Source
1	Facebook Post, 31 October 2023	Solidarity Post of Meeting " <i>Palestine: The case for a Global Intifada</i> ", which was done in conjunction (post and meeting) with Dr Riemer.	https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=720214853472497&set=pb.100064519669458.-2207520000
2	Facebook Post, 2 November 2023	Solidarity post with banner " <i>Long live the Intifada!</i> ", accompanied by text decrying USYD preventing the " <i>Palestine: the case for a global intifada</i> " meeting.	Screenshot taken 2 July 2024.
3	Facebook Post, 3 November 2023	Solidarity Post criticising Sydney University's ban on the Solidarity meeting done in conjunction with Dr Riemer, ' <i>Palestine: The Case for a Global Intifada</i> '.	Screenshot taken 10 February 2026
4	Instagram Post, 14 November 2023	Solidarity posted Dr Riemer at a rally with them at Sydney University at which there was yelling of " <i>intifada, intifada, long live the intifada!</i> ".	https://www.instagram.com/p/CznMM8ArH2L/?hl=en
5	Instagram Post, 28 February 2024	Solidarity Post showing an image of Dr Riemer holding a 'Stop the Genocide – Free Palestine' banner.	https://www.instagram.com/p/C34KKMQBDx-/?hl=en
6	X Repost, 5 March 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer to support ending links with companies that arm Israel.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1764782301219848660
7	X Repost, 6 March 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer protesting with students.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1765260317561610351
8	X Repost, 7 March 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer advocating book launch entitled "The Radical Jewish Tradition: Revolutionaries, resistance fighters and firebrands".	Screenshot taken.
9	X Repost, 12 March 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer talk on Gaza.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1767326157605912754
10	X Repost, 12 March 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer 'Hands off Rafah'.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1767436552869937367
11	X Repost, 17 March 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer chanting " <i>5 6 7 8 – smash the genocidal state</i> ".	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1769211581177737546
12	X Repost, 24 March 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer posting hundreds of people blocking the road to	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1771850973599662327

		the port in Sydney relating to ZIM containers (Israel focused).	
13	X Repost, 24 March 2024	Solidarity Repost showing unionists supporting Palestine, including NTEU.	Screenshot taken.
14	Instagram Post, 25 March 2024	Solidarity post of protest chanting " <i>Intifada, Intifada</i> ", with the caption " <i>GLOBALISE the Intifada</i> " and sign of Unionists for Palestine.	https://www.instagram.com/p/C45kqbjB_fk/
15	X Repost, 8 April 2024	Solidarity post a large sign of " <i>globalise the intifada</i> ", as Dr Riemer frequently endorses.	https://x.com/jchoonara/status/1776986110704390440
16	X Repost, 13 April 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer protesting for Gazans.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1778995056944554038
17	X Repost, 23 April 2024	Solidarity post showing NTEU and Dr Riemer with Unionists for Palestine sign supporting the student encampment from inception.	https://x.com/sophfyfe/status/1782699305704550552
18	X Repost, 24 April 2024	Repost of Dr Riemer supporting the Sydney University encampment.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1782980282695770432
19	X Post, 26 April 2024	" <i>Intifada</i> " is displayed by prominent sign as " <i>Union Business</i> ".	https://x.com/soli_au/status/1783770301823660325
20	X Repost, 8 May 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer advertising the '@NTEU Gaza solidarity vote' on the institutional academic boycott of Israel at the NTEU members meeting.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1787995182300090411
21	X Repost, 8 May 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer celebrating the endorsement by General Union of Palestine Workers of his NTEU motion.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1788177850019037215
22	X Repost, 9 May 2024	Solidarity praising NTEU at Sydney University and repost of Dr Riemer highlighting the success of his motion to endorse the academic boycott of Israeli universities.	https://x.com/soli_au/status/1788423939989074245
23	X Repost, 12 May 2024	Solidarity post of NTEU / Unionists for Palestine supporting the Sydney University Encampment and academic boycott of Israel.	https://x.com/sophfyfe/status/1789560094822420950
24	X Repost, 12 May 2024	Solidarity Reposting the Rank and File Action post celebrating the vote of USYD NTEU boycotting Israeli universities and cutting ties with global arms trade.	https://x.com/RAFAUsyd/status/1789308315887145186
25	X Repost, 15 May	Solidarity Reposting Dr Riemer asserting	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/

	2024	that <i>"The Gaza camps...must not be removed. At @Sydney_Uni, @NTEUnion members have voted to defend our camp against all threats. We will do so."</i>	atus/1790545010393502140
26	X Repost, 15 May 2024	Solidarity Reposting Dr Riemer – saying <i>"Whether in 1948 or 2024, the resistance is here to stay, for as long as it takes."</i>	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1790655677305848086
27	X Post, 15 May 2024	Solidarity post of campus protest, captioned <i>"Spread the intifada!"</i>	https://x.com/solidarity/status/1790640990069686385
28	X Repost, 17 May 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer noting the USYD NTEU supports the Sydney University encampment (Gaza Camp).	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1791334528134656169
28	X Repost, 22 May 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer taking photos at Sydney University Encampment.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1793060694776225978
29	X Post, 24 May 2024	Solidarity post advertising Dr Riemer giving a talk on BDS.	https://x.com/solidarity/status/1793869751464423435
30	X Repost, 1 June 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer supporting boycott of Israel.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1796542856179671250
31	X Post, 1 June 2024	Solidarity Post of Dr Riemer speaking at Solidarity meeting.	https://x.com/solidarity/status/1796816835209568391
32	X Repost, 6 June 2024	Solidarity repost of Dr Riemer referring to <i>"Utterly reprehensible political expulsion"</i> of Beatrice Tucker at ANU, after she said <i>" Hamas deserved 'unconditional support' "</i> .	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1798618448886702214
33	X Repost, 7 June 2024	Further repost of Dr Riemer decrying expulsions at ANU.	https://x.com/unionistsaa/status/1798895757623460079
34	X Post, 25 June 2024	Solidarity post promoting Dr Riemer and Saleh talking about BDS.	https://x.com/solidarity/status/1805489499436368242
35	X Post, 16 July 2024	Solidarity Post advertising Dr Riemer giving a talk on BDS.	https://x.com/solidarity/status/1813012884718514257
36	X Post, 17 July 2024	Solidarity Post of Dr Riemer giving a talk on BDS regarding academic boycott of Israel by NTEU members at Sydney University.	https://x.com/solidarity/status/1813555362353828038
37	Instagram Post, 4 August 2024	Solidarity Post promoting Dr Riemer, as NTEU President, giving a talk at a Solidarity meeting on supporting the CFMEU.	https://www.instagram.com/p/C-OfpCfz3lj/?hl=en
38	Instagram Post, 11 August 2024	Solidarity Post supporting Sydney University meeting advocating to <i>'cut ties with Israel'</i> and inter alia affirming armed	https://www.instagram.com/p/C-hixGdTAmV/?hl=en&img_index=1

		resistance for Palestinians and scrapping Campus Access Policy.	ex=4
39	X Repost, 5 October 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer's post on NTEU's motion in support of institutional academic boycott of Israel and making BDS Union policy.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1842367573654192131
40	X Repost, 9 October 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer in support of NTEU's campaign.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1843796197762596977
41	X Repost, 9 October 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer condemning police conduct against student protesters.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1843849023469531486
42	X Repost, 15 October 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer advocating to scrap the Campus Access Policy.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1845970717629911310
43	X Repost, 21 October 2024	Solidarity Repost of Rank and File Action promotion of 23 October NTEU National Day of Action for Palestine to " <i>cut ties with genocide</i> " as " <i>authorised by NTEU University of Sydney Branch President, Nick Riemer.</i> "	https://x.com/RAFAUsyd/status/1848121960191898048
44	X Repost, 21 October 2024	Solidarity Repost promoting 23 October NTEU National Day of Action for Palestine as " <i>authorised by NTEU University of Sydney Branch President, Nick Riemer</i> "	https://x.com/sophfyfe/status/1848296199016816905
45	X Repost, 23 October 2024	Solidarity Repost of NTEU National Day of Action at Sydney University, asserting to cut all ties with 'genocide' and 'apartheid' as " <i>authorised by NTEU University of Sydney Branch President, Nick Riemer</i> "	https://x.com/sophfyfe/status/1848911908700930252
46	X Repost, 23 October 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer supporting the NTEU National Day of Action for Palestine at Sydney University praising the supporting staff and students as the " <i>university's real leaders, not the opportunists and hypocrites who lecture us on 'safety' and 'distress' in order to excuse a genocide</i> ".	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1848931174372282405
47	X Post, 30 October 2024	Solidarity Post citing Dr Riemer condemning university leaders for failing to oppose Netanyahu's alleged war crimes with picture mocking antisemitism.	https://x.com/soli_ aus/status/1851583116227588534
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49	X Repost, 17 November 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer speech alleging the Applicants in this case are “Zionists”, a “ <i>propaganda agency for genocide & apartheid</i> ”, and “ <i>doing Netanyahu’s work in Australia.</i> ”	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1858027234671603931
50	X Repost, 20 November 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer promoting “ <i>analysis of anti-Palestinian repression</i> ” and “ <i>critique of Zionists’ abuse of cultural and psychosocial safety provisions</i> ”.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1859076979708096739
51	X Repost, 21 November 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer praising FOI work of students and criticising Sydney University for maintaining exchange programs with an Israeli University, accusing the Hebrew University of Jerusalem of ‘supporting’ genocide.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1859360920683806964
52	X Repost, 25 November 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer promoting report correlating pro-Palestinian politics to social cohesion.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1860919902644904398
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54	X Repost, 21 December 2024	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer decrying Sydney University’s proposed protest crackdown in staff statement.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1870298479634895095
55	X Repost, 15 January 2025	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer and Prof Keane publicly commenting on the AHRC phase of this case and the ‘Zionist lawfare attack’.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1879437700253770138
56	X Repost, 17 January 2025	Solidarity Repost of Prof Keane and Dr Riemer “contesting nonsense allegations” regarding their “acts of ‘racial hatred’ & ‘antisemitism’”.	https://x.com/jkeaneSDN/status/1880056536283902207
57	X Repost, 21 January 2025	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer condemning Sydney University’s plan to restrict campus protest banners.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1881435886489129329
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62	X Post, 13 March 2025	Solidarity Post celebrating Sydney University ending exchange program with an Israeli Academy of Arts.	https://x.com/soli_au/status/1900043107271664072
63	X Repost, 18 March 2025	Solidarity Repost of Riemer promoting march against Albanese.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1901831267844497413
64	X Repost, 25 March 2025	Solidarity Repost of Riemer asserting that there are Jewish groups backing sanctions against Israel.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1904406230980026784
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66	X Post, 27 March 2025	Solidarity Post showing NTEU protest with Dr Riemer at Sydney University against new antisemitism definition.	https://x.com/soli_au/status/1905047777299869874
67	X Repost, 2 April 2025	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer condemning Sydney University for hosting an alleged “ <i>Zionist event tonight justifying Israel’s genocide</i> .”	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1907361676460261380
68	X Repost, 14 April 2025	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer praising the AHRC termination of the alleged ‘Zionist ‘lawfare’ complaint.’	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1911641507662364956
69	X Repost, 22 April 2025	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer criticising university leaders for targeting pro-Palestine activists.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1914511622816850411
70	X Repost, 25 April 2025	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer criticising Universities Australia’s new antisemitism definition as a tool to ‘suppress pro-Palestine activity on campus’.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1915587367752388672
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72	Facebook Post, 12 June 2025	Solidarity Sydney Uni post stating ‘ <i>Globalise the intifada</i> ’.	Screenshot taken 18 December 2025.
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74	X Repost, 2 June 2025	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer criticising Mark Scott’s university policies and remuneration.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1929452906714910779

75	X Repost, 18 August 2025	Solidarity Repost of tweet calling for support for Dr Riemer and Professor Keane (referred to as 'two great pro-Palestine activists').	https://x.com/FPMelbourne/status/1957347178654867478
76	Facebook Post, 17 October 2025	Solidarity Sydney Uni post stating ' <i>Globalise the Intifada!</i> ' The post also features a sign stating ' <i>Long live the intifada</i> '.	Screenshot taken 18 December 2025.
77	X Repost, 4 December 2025	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer criticising layoffs at Macquarie University.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/1996445380196831718
78	X Post, 28 December 2025	Solidarity Post promoting NTEU and Palestine activist Dr Riemer's article on protest restrictions in NSW.	https://x.com/soli_au/status/2005077674008694937
79	X Repost, 7 January 2026	Solidarity Repost of Dr Riemer stating ' <i>Zionism is the enemy of education</i> '.	https://x.com/NickRiemer1/status/2008672897112699197
80	Instagram Post, 6 January 2026	Solidarity Post of Solidarity meeting, headlined " <i>Globalise the Intifada</i> ".	https://www.instagram.com/p/DTJ43umE-lk/
81	Instagram Post, 24 January 2026	Solidarity Post promoting Solidarity magazine headlined to ' <i>Cut all ties with Israel</i> ' ' <i>Repeal the anti-protest laws</i> ' and " <i>Globalise the Intifada</i> ".	https://www.instagram.com/p/DT37iQ8ky7x/
82	Instagram Post, 10 February 2026	Solidarity Post making strongly anti-Israeli remarks and calling on all to <i>Globalise the Intifada</i> and stop the ban on protest slogans.	https://www.instagram.com/p/DUK5iTkD9lo/
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It has never been more vital to stand with Palestine

Nick Riemer



Six thousand bombs dropped on Gaza in six days – six thousand, flattening entire districts; over two thousand Gazans killed in a week – two thousand, with 8700 wounded; Gaza's two million people – *two million* – cut off from power, water, medicine, fuel and food. More than a million of them ordered to abandon their homes in an impossible and self-standing humanitarian catastrophe. It has never been more vital to stand in solidarity with Palestine.

Emotions are powerful distractors. In the wake of Hamas's shock penetration into Israel last weekend and all its sequels, they have been intense. But however strong, emotions must not obscure the fundamental facts: Palestinians are a colonised people enduring one of the most vicious and unshakeable oppressions our times have seen. Israel is a brutal, colonising power, intent on crushing the very possibility of Palestinian life and freedom. The cause of Palestine is the cause of justice and freedom everywhere.

Nothing in the events of the last week can alter those essential truths. Any attempt to come to terms with the current war, and to determine what solidarity in the West means, must be anchored in the basic reality of Palestinian oppression.

Life is intrinsically valuable, whatever creed it espouses or flag it is draped in. All bloodshed is tragic and most is criminal. But if we accept this principle, then a simple reality imposes itself: for generations, the value of life has been violated for Palestinians exponentially, overwhelmingly more than for Israelis.

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that they support, generations of Palestinian lives have been devastated by a powerful first-world coloniser with the unstinting backing of the West.

As the US-based organisation Palestine Legal has said, 'there is no equivalence – moral or otherwise – between Israel's nearly eight decades of ceaseless colonial violence, and the resistance that it has engendered.' The only way that the tragedies of lost lives can be solved, it correctly notes, is by addressing the root causes – the occupation and siege of Palestinian land.

That is exactly the role of the global solidarity movement. The imperviousness to it of the political class has been stunning. Western politicians' existing record of moral and intellectual negligence is impressive, but over the last week they have outdone themselves. The prospect of natives escaping from their cages has unleashed deep settler paranoia in places like Australia, just as it has in Israel itself. In Australia as everywhere else, politicians in their panic have delivered Israel carte blanche. The West's blessing on Israel to do what it pleases has authorised the inconceivable evacuation orders the army has issued to Gaza residents and laid the ground for a second Nakba.

The times call for political leaders with cool heads: ones who are not swept up by the immediacy of the moment, but who can see what is happening with objectivity. This is exactly the rational intellectual attitude that European racist fantasies imagine as distinguishing the 'civilised' Western world from the savage Islamic one, locked in its animal passions. Yet when faced with the need for rationality and detachment, mainstream Western politicians and media have shown themselves to be entirely incapable of them.

As well as unconditionally supporting Israel, politicians have repressed, vilified, silenced, and threatened deportation against Palestinians and their supporters at home. Has there ever been such casual contempt for democratic freedoms, such servile conformism in the binning of basic rights? The official representatives of democracy, with honourable, rare exceptions, have failed democracy again.

That is just one reason why solidarity with Palestinians is essential for anyone who wants to retain their own fundamental freedoms. Palestine solidarity is not just internationalism or anticolonialism or antiracism or even humanitarianism; it is not just an expression of compassion, or altruism, or basic decency: it is a necessity for the defence of democratic prerogatives against authoritarianism and neo-fascism in Western nations. In cheering on the antidemocratic suppression of protest, Zionists sometimes thought of as 'liberal' have let their masks slip. Their support for Israeli apartheid and permanent war against Palestinians can only mean opposition to democracy in their own countries.

Rallies for Palestine in the coming weeks will do the same as rallies for Palestine every time Gaza is being returned to rubble – call for an end to apartheid, ethnic cleansing and endless war, and for freedom, justice, equality and democracy for everyone between the Jordan and the Mediterranean, regardless of their ethnicity or religion. That is the politics of the Palestine solidarity movement, and it has been asserted unambiguously and repeatedly.

Of course, we will be slandered as antisemites precisely because we make those demands at this moment. Now, 'unconditional' support for Israel's 'right to defend itself' is the only possible script. Even when we expel actual antisemites from our rallies, as we did last Monday outside the Opera House in Sydney, we are slurred as 'vile antisemites'. Not only that: we are terrorist sympathisers, Islamists, savages. Nothing can falsify those descriptions, it seems. Condemn Hamas, we're continually instructed: prove to us you don't support terrorism.



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civil society. Many of the forces demanding that we condemn Hamas count BDS as vile antisemitism as well. For them, just telling the truth about Israel – that its existence is predicated on racism – is antisemitism in action.

Condemning a person means abandoning the effort to understand them. After a condemnation, all that is left is absolute rejection and banishment: renouncing the devil and all his works. Condemning is what a judge does when they sentence a prisoner to death. Once someone is condemned, there's no point in talking about why they might have done what they have done: the final verdict is delivered; no more remains to be said. This is exactly why Zionists demand that we condemn Hamas: to block any move towards understanding it and what might motivate its resistance to Israeli colonisation – to erase the understanding of *why* Palestinians fight back.

Solidarity means refusing to allow understanding to be blocked. When we come onto the street in collective protest, we are joining an embodied, living force defending two important truths: that Palestinians must not be denied justice and that contesting power is a fundamental democratic right. In a situation where those truths have been discarded as lightly as they have been this last week, committed and embodied reassertion of them is essential. When thousands are on the streets in their defence, the costs of ignoring them are raised. Promoting justice for Palestinians is promoting justice for everyone. It will be vital to join the demonstrations for Palestine in coming days and weeks, whatever obstacles politicians or police commissioners place in their way.

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Union members in solidarity with Palestine

In accordance with the union movement's values of **peace, justice and solidarity with working people**, we are horrified by the current war between Israel and Hamas and the unprovoked, premeditated and sustained attack against Gaza. This tragedy is a direct result of Israeli blockade and siege of Gaza, and of the apartheid and racist oppression it maintains in the West Bank and within its own borders.

In the face of this, we call for an **immediate suspension of all hostilities and an immediate end to the blockade of Gaza**. Gaza must not be cut off from food, medicine, fuel and humanitarian supplies. No person should be responsible for innocent and civilian deaths, and all infrastructure should be restored immediately.

We also call for an **end to the illegal occupation of Palestinian land and an end to apartheid and ethnic cleansing**. As unionists, we stand in solidarity with all people who support the issues of **peace, equality and justice for Palestinians, Israelis, and everyone in the Middle East**.

We support for **demonstrations around Australia for Palestine**, and call on governments and police authorities to facilitate them. The union movement will never accept political repression or the right to protest, which is fundamental to democracy.

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We all have an obligation to respond, since that violence is enabled by Western governments, including ours.

There will never be justice for working people in this country from a government that cannot even bring itself to call for a ceasefire in a genocide.

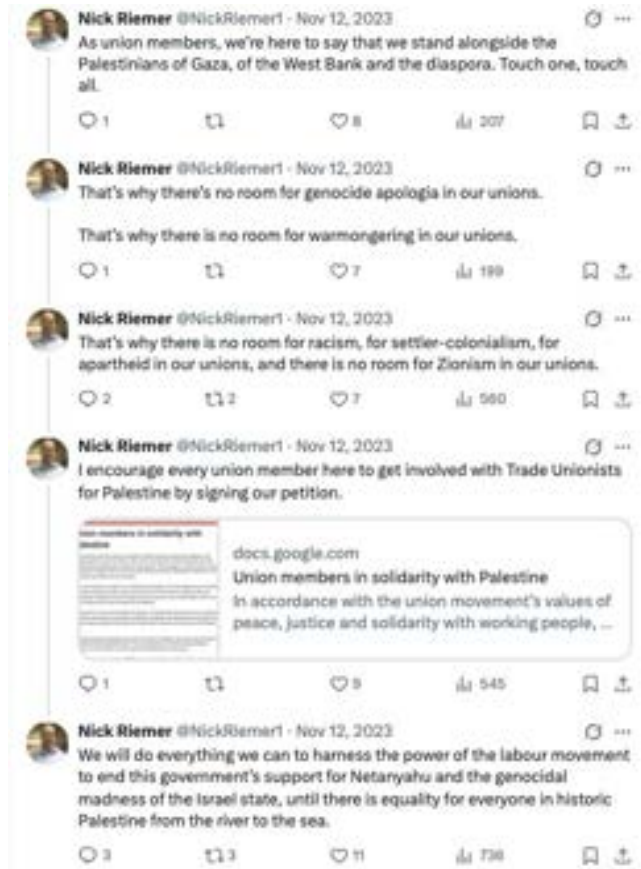
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That's where their opportunism and lack of principle has led them: straight into support for a genocide. Shame on Penny Wong, and shame on Anthony Albanese. They are truly the hollow woman and the hollow man.

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- Nick Riemer** @NickRiemer1 · Nov 12, 2023
We always hear about Albo the underdog, Albo the child of a single mum. What we'll remember is Albanese the genocide supporter.
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In particular, we're here today to tell Albanese and the whole of the political establishment that Israeli shipping lines are not welcome in Port Botany. The waterfront has always been a key site where political conflict gets played out in Australia, and it is again today.
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Here at the port we're subject to the totalitarian anti-protest laws that Albo and Wong's party in NSW put in place earlier in the year precisely to stop people like us from standing up for what is right, whether it's protecting the environment or protesting against a genocide.
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Those laws are supposed to protect the Australian economy – that's the same economy that is increasing its arms manufacturing component, including to Israel, that has seen the largest fall in living standards of any advanced economy over the past year.
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Our government is giving its green light to Israel to unleash a reign of terror over Gaza:
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That same government is busy tightening the screws on ordinary people here, and wants to prevent us from asserting that genocide is wrong.
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The water just out there goes all the way to Gaza and it links ordinary people here to ordinary people there.
- But there's another more important link between us and Gazans: our determination for justice, which joins us in a bond of solidarity with Palestinians.
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The Genocide Post and Speech as Referred to in Paragraphs [82] and [82A]

It's a privilege for me to speak this morning as Zionists conduct their cynical 'march for a safe campus'. NTEU members have been with you since the beginning, and we'll be here as long as it takes

A 'march for a safe campus': let's reflect on that. Zionists clearly think that if they talk about safety, then they'll be able to make people think that they're the victims, and forget that, actually, they're supporting a genocidal slaughter. They think safety on campus will turn the debate in their favour and put us on the back foot.

They're wrong about that. We should welcome the opportunity to make safety the topic.

Because we know the meaning of safety. We know that safety obviously isn't what Palestinians have in the West Bank, or in the refugee camps, let alone what they have in Gaza.

And safety also isn't being punished and criminalized and slandered and arrested for protesting against a genocide, as is happening to the Palestine Solidarity movement throughout the West today, including here.

Universities are meant to be places of critique, of intellectual leadership, of challenge to received ideas: places where students are asked to think differently, even if doing so is confronting. Places where identities are challenged, not where prejudices are gratified and reinforced.

But what happens when we oppose the Zionists' genocide? What happens when we tell Zionists that there just is no identity that can have as its condition the dispossession and slaughter of an entire people? They instantly tell us that we're making them feel unsafe.

We welcome the public commitment that Mark Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, has given to allowing this encampment to stay. Make no mistake: we will hold him to it. It is the absolute, bare minimum that he should be doing. But he has clearly only made this commitment because he's been forced to, and he's clearly trying to play both sides.

That's why he didn't hesitate earlier in the week to broadcast slurs against the encampment to the whole university, complete with imputations of illegality and harassment and vandalism – disgraceful dog-whistles with no other object than to

discredit us, and to weaken the demands on him to fulfil his moral and political obligation as the VC to cut ties with Israel and its enablers.

Safety was one of the values Scott invoked to justify that slander on this movement, just as Minouche Shafik at Columbia appealed to it to justify calling police on students, just like Israeli 'safety' apparently justifies the flattening of Gaza.

Zionists and their allies in the neoliberal university want to impose an individualized and subjectivized conception of safety. It's the idea of safety as a feeling – an experience that the individual student-client is entitled to get from the educational product they're buying.

Ultimately it's just a selling point for the university brand, that can be popped into an orange showbag and handed out on open day with free ice cream and coffee. It's mean to gratify you, the atomized student-consumer-client.

But people aren't just atomized individuals: we're members of communities with objective conditions of ongoing viability. So safety can't fundamentally be about individual feelings: it has to be about the conditions in which communities can be 'safe', the conditions in which they can survive and prosper.

Political persecution and demonization and slander and wrongful arrest aren't compatible with safety. A community can't thrive when it's hounded, or slurred, or persecuted for nothing other than daring to assert that genocide is wrong.

It's pretty clear that the Zionist community has everything it needs to prosper. But Zionists want us to accept that actually their community isn't safe here, because of us. They present it as a zero-sum game: us or them. But they're not willing to call their community what it is: the embodiment of a political project which has always been about replacing Palestinians with Jews; one which is currently trying to wipe out not just current Palestinian lives, but the very infrastructure for liveable communities in Gaza for decades into the future.

Friends, our movement has made real progress in the last decade. Zionists used to discredit us by branding us as Jew-haters and terrorist-supporters. They still do, but they recognise that these attacks don't work as well as they used to. That in itself is a significant political and ideological achievement that we have brought about.

So instead of attacking our politics directly, Zionists have pivoted to a focus on how our politics makes them feel. Saying we make them 'unsafe' makes it so much easier for them, because they think that no one can argue with how they feel. It means they don't have to confront any actual arguments or make any credible claims

against us. Instead they just think they can say we're unsafely threatening their identity. It's as simple as that: if they say something makes them feel unsafe, that's sufficient grounds to silence it, to get it sacked, to get the police called on it.

How intellectually and politically bankrupt is a movement that's reduced to that as its trump card. Zionism isn't just a violently racist and eliminationist ideology; it's also a brazenly mediocre one intellectually.

More than mediocre: derelict. Its tank is empty, its well is dry. It has nothing – no real intellectual fibre, no arguments that can survive elementary scrutiny, no real principle other than that of apartheid and genocide.

What it does have is falsifications and violence: it says we're antisemites, it says Gaza isn't genocide, it says Israel doesn't practise apartheid – and if you disagree with us, it goes on, you're threatening our safety, and we'll try to get you arrested, or sacked, or suspended from your studies. Our own John Keane, and Macquarie's courageous and powerful Palestinian advocate Randa Abdel-Fattah are currently under intense Zionist attack on exactly those rounds. How safe is the campus for them?

This politics of Zionist safety and feeling is corrosive of everything universities are meant to be. So Vice-Chancellors need to see that the present moment is a test of their own credibility as university leaders. Calls for encampments to be closed or students or staff to be punished make a mockery of the standards of evidence and reasoning that universities claim to uphold. Caving in to them would mean abandoning any residual commitment university leaders might try to claim to the campus as a site of truth-telling, critique, or democratic exchange.

Quadrant ran an article in March about the Palestine solidarity movement in Australian universities, in which the author declared that he is 'always pleased to see a public campaign of ridicule against our nation's academics.' That's who university administrations are siding with when they concede even an inch to Zionist demands. The forces pressing the VC to move against us are the same that want to undermine the university as a whole.

Congratulations to the students at this encampment. We staff have a lot to learn from you. Our community, the Palestine solidarity community, is based on the practice of actually working for the liberation of Palestine, which is the precondition for justice and equality for everyone living between the Mediterranean and the Jordan, regardless of their beliefs or their background. That is what real safety means. Free Palestine.



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Dear Colleagues,

Please find **attached** the proposed Further Amended Statement of Claim and the Amended Statement of Claim that will be the subject of the interlocutory applications to be filed shortly in the Riemer proceeding and the Keane proceeding respectively.

They are in substance identical to those circulated to you on 17 June 2026. The only change is to the names of counsel settling the pleading.

Noting the comments of Ms Taylor and his Honour at the directions hearing of 30 June 2026, we wished to give a further opportunity for the Respondents to consent to the proposed amended pleadings.

Please indicate whether your clients consent to the proposed amended pleadings **by 4pm on 7 July 2026**.

Kind regards,

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