


TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of citizens and residents of Australia draws the attention of the House to the parlous situation currently being suffered by the Palestinians. It seeks to address the national and civil rights of the Palestinian people following years of failed diplomacy and Israeli belligerence. Israel's occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem now extends to 48 years and the relentless expansion of settlements calls into question the sincerity of Israel's negotiating position.

We therefore ask the House to do all in its power to formally recognise the state of Palestine.