

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

This petition of concerned citizens of Australia

Draws to the attention of the House the increasing international recognition of Palestine as a State, including the resolution to be put to the United Nations Security Council to recommend Palestine's admission to the General Assembly as a state, currently set to take place in September 2011.

We therefore ask the House to recognise a Palestinian State in accordance with all relevant *UN resolutions, and international and humanitarian law which Australia has consistently upheld.*

Current Australian policy supports a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in which a viable, independent and sovereign Palestinian state would exist side-by-side with Israel, each within internationally recognised and secure borders.

Failure to capitalise on this historic opportunity may jeopardise existing international frameworks for a just and peaceful resolution to the conflict.