

**"a new  
NTEU"**



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**A New NTEU is proud to endorse the call for an international academic boycott of Israel until such a time as Israeli academic institutions recognise and uphold the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.**

Solidarity is a central pillar of trade unionism, and as such we are proud to stand in solidarity with more than 170 Palestinian civil society organisations and trade unions that have called for boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) against Israel.

We recognise that solidarity against settler colonial violence anywhere involves solidarity against settler colonial violence everywhere, including and especially as we live, work, teach, and learn on stolen land. This is and always will be Aboriginal land.

We endorse the [guidelines](#) for the international academic boycott of Israel as articulated by PACBI. These guidelines state clearly that Israeli institutions, and not individual academics, are subject to boycott.

We take seriously the question of academic freedom, and we note that Palestinian access to education, free expression, and academic participation is severely restricted by apartheid, colonialism, and ongoing violence against Palestinian students, academics, and institutions.

We also note that Israeli academic institutions are complicit in the violation of Palestinian rights, through (but not limited to) financial ties, collaboration with the Israeli army and arms manufacturers, and the offer of course credit and free tuition to Israeli soldiers.

In line with existing NTEU policy, which calls for "solidarity with other unions and organisations to advance social justice", A New NTEU will seek to strengthen ties with Palestinian unions, including the Palestinian Federation of Unions of University Professors and Employees.

A New NTEU will bring a motion in support of the academic boycott of Israel to the NTEU's National Council. We will enshrine freedom of academic and political speech by opposing the adoption of institutional policies that prohibit critical scholarship of Israel.

A New NTEU will also pursue a policy that prohibits elected officials or staff of the NTEU from accepting expenses-paid propaganda tours sponsored by the Israeli state or pro-Israel lobby organisations.

We believe that it is incumbent upon all of us to stand in solidarity with Palestinians who face daily oppression and violence from the Israeli state. As trade unionists and people of conscience, we must bring our power to bear on the structures that enable this oppression.

We also note and condemn past attempts by the National Office of the NTEU to interfere in member-led democratic action and override motions taken by branches to endorse BDS.

A vote for A New NTEU is a vote for a progressive trade union that stands in solidarity with workers and all oppressed peoples.



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