

RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

RUSU STATEMENT ON PALESTINE

End the Atrocities – Ceasefire Now

RUSU condemns the war in Gaza and the horrific impact of this war on civilians. We condemn the bombing campaigns on Gaza including in areas that have been designated as humanitarian safe zones.

RUSU supports the calls for an immediate ceasefire. The atrocities in Gaza need to end!

RUSU Stands for a Free Palestine

RUSU stands for a free Palestine. We are pleased that the government (along with the Greens and Fatima Payman), have finally voted to recognise the state of Palestine. At the same time, we condemn the government for the long delays in taking action, and their complicity in the atrocities taking place in Gaza.

RMIT – Cut Ties with Weapons Manufacturers

RUSU demands that RMIT discloses its partnerships with all weapons manufacturers and with companies working with the Israeli government and cuts all ties with these companies. RUSU has previously called on the Vice Chancellor to disclose and divest. We reiterate this demand.

RUSU Supports Peaceful Protest

RUSU supports the rights of students to participate in peaceful protests in support of a free Palestine. We believe that students participating peacefully in students strikes and protests should not be disciplined or disadvantaged for not attending class.

RUSU Condemns Antisemitism and Islamophobia

We recognise that there has been an increase in antisemitism and islamophobia in Australia and that this may impact on staff and students at RMIT and how safe they feel to attend campus and express their faith and identity. RUSU unequivocally condemns antisemitism and islamophobia and stands in solidarity with all people affected.

Assistance & Support for Students

RUSU recognises that many students are directly and indirectly impacted by the war in Gaza. We commit to RUSU providing support and continuing to advocate to ensure that there is welfare and academic support for all students affected by the conflict.