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NTEU meeting on Thursday this week at 1pm in Eastern Avenue LT 315 (upstairs from the big EA auditorium) and online ([register here](#)).

The meeting will be updating members on progress in the implementation of our new work conditions. We'll also discuss the current risks we see to staff rights and conditions, including on flexibility and academic performance, and consider some campaign responses we can make before the end of the year. We'll also be debating a motion of support for Palestine. Read on for more information on:

Solidarity with First Nations members  
Thursday's members' meeting  
Joint NTEU/DAWN Disability meeting  
Union motion in solidarity with Palestine  
Branch drinks, 5pm next Friday November 3

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Palestine solidarity motion

In line with our branch's commitment to international solidarity and the NTEU National Council's call for active solidarity with Palestinians, Branch Committee has agreed that the following motion will be put to the branch to be voted on at Thursday's meeting. The text is identical to that of 'Union members stand in solidarity with Palestine', a rank-and-file petition, which has already been signed by many hundreds of NTEU members, and also by the Federation University branch of the NTEU, the Sydney Branch of the Maritime Union of Australia, and the CFMEU NSW Construction Division Committee of Delegates. (Please note however that this statement is not an initiative organised by the NTEU.)

Motion:

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 unspeakable bloodshed and violence it has caused. This tragedy is a direct result of Israel's blockade and siege of Gaza, and of the apartheid and ethnic cleansing it maintains in the West Bank and within its own borders.

In the first instance, 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, its power supply must be resumed, and critical health, water and other infrastructure must 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 cause of peace, equality and justice for Palestinians, Israelis, and everyone in the Middle East.

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

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Join us at the Courtyard café in the Holme Building for the next branch drinks on Friday week!

In solidarity,

Nick Riemer  
Branch President