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## Support for Senator Fatima Payman’s Stand on Palestine

We fully support Senator Fatima Payman’s courageous stance on Palestine. Her recent statements, which coincided with the 76th anniversary of the Nakba, highlight her unwavering commitment to justice, human rights, and the pursuit of peace in a region long plagued by conflict and suffering.

Senator Payman’s powerful words resonate deeply: *“My conscience has been uneasy for far too long and I must call this out for what it is. This is a genocide and we need to stop pretending otherwise. The lack of clarity, the moral confusion, the indecisiveness is eating at the heart of this nation.”* Her recognition of Israel’s actions as constituting genocide is a bold and necessary step towards holding accountable those responsible for human rights violations in the region.

In a political landscape often marked by silence or equivocation on the issue, Senator Payman’s stance is truly commendable. By speaking out against injustice and raising awareness about the plight of Palestinians, she is shining a light on a humanitarian crisis that demands urgent attention from the international community.

We demand that the Australian government and all people of conscience follow and support Senator Payman’s call to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people. We call for an immediate end to the war on Gaza and the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians, an embargo on all weapon exports to Israel, and the introduction of sanctions on the state of Israel.

Thank you, Senator Payman, for your courage, integrity, and unwavering commitment to justice. Your leadership is indispensable in the fight for a future where all people can live in peace and security, free from oppression and discrimination. May your voice continue to be a powerful force for positive change in Australia and the world.

***‘From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free’***

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