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Israel continues to oppress and ignore the human rights of the Palestinian people. Israel continues to deny justice for the people of Palestine in the International Criminal Court and, in doing so, acts with impunity to continue inflicting hideous war crimes against the Palestinian people. Gaza is a ghetto and is predicted by UNRWA to be almost unlivable by 2020. Israel is promoting settler colonisation in its present policy of building thousands more settlement houses violating international law, ignoring worldwide condemnation. Israel is holding 7000 Palestinians as political prisoners. 700 Palestinians are held in administrative detention without being charged or standing trial and held on secret evidence, not even available to their lawyers. 200 of these are children under 18 years of age. These numbers are increasing by the month. However, Australia continues to be one of Israel's best friends and supports its Government unconditionally. Little of no heed is given to the oppressed Palestinians. Shameful.

Sincerely,

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