

This is a copy of an email received in response to the request for submissions on the feasibility study on strengthening trade and investment with Israel

Dear DFAT

Israel is an apartheid state.

The Australian government's dealings with an apartheid state are unconscionable.

Rather than engaging in further trade with an apartheid state, the Australian government should be imposing sanctions, not canvassing for new trade ties in the face of clear violations of international law and the basic human rights of the Palestinian people.

As an Australian citizen i am disgusted that 'the economy' and profiteering are being put ahead of the lives of human beings.

Show some leadership. Verbal condemnations are not enough. Friendships with apartheid states are not in keeping with the values of our country.

Do more. Be better.

Regards
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