



ANUSA statement on ABC Drive comments on 30 April 2024

ANUSA does not support or condone statements regarding Hamas made by students on ABC Drive on 30 April 2024. These comments do not represent ANUSA's views nor the views of the great bulk of our members.

ANUSA's official stance on Hamas, was passed by our Student Representative Council (SRC) in March 2024, and is publicly available to any interested party on the ANUSA website [<https://anusa.com.au/about/meetings/> see SRC 1 Minutes 2024]. It includes the following:

“ANUSA condemns the bombing, killing, and kidnapping of innocent Israeli civilians by Hamas. These actions are totally reprehensible and illegal under international and national laws, and Hamas must be held accountable. ANUSA recognises that Hamas does not represent the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people.”

The March SRC statement guides ANUSA's advocacy on this issue.

ANUSA's support of the ANU Gaza Solidarity Encampment is on the basis of our commitment to supporting peaceful protests for Palestine and Palestinian rights. We have ongoing concerns about the Israeli Government's actions in Gaza and this has been the basis of our engagement with the encampment. We firmly stand against genocide, ethnic cleansing, and the targeting of civilians, and abhor any further violence against any civilians in Gaza, the West Bank or Israel. We unequivocally condemn antisemitism and islamophobia and stand in solidarity with all of those affected by this crisis.

Any claim to the contrary simply does not accurately reflect the democratically decided positions of ANUSA.

The encampment states that “We are here first and foremost for the people of Gaza and Palestine.”

ANUSA is open to all students and is committed to being a safe place for all members of our diverse community. We know these issues impact our Jewish students particularly and we stand in solidarity with them.