



# NATIONAL GREEN PARTY

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### STATEMENT ON PALESTINE by Andre de Caires, Leader, NGP

We, at the National Green Party, support the decision of the SLP administration to vote for an immediate ceasefire in the war between Israel and Palestine that is taking place in Gaza.

We also condemn in the strongest manner, the brutal, murderous, barbaric, and inhumane actions of Hamas on 7<sup>th</sup> October when they committed horrendous war crimes against innocent women, children and non combatants in Israel during their raid on that day.

Having stated that, we also condemn in an even stronger manner, the indiscriminate massacre of the people of Gaza, with over 8,000 already killed – 3,500 being children and nearly 2,000 women – 90% of these people not being members of Hamas. We condemn the destruction of vital infrastructure such as hospitals, schools, places of worship and the cutting-off of essential utilities of electricity and water. This collective punishment is totally unacceptable.

How many more Palestinians must die for Israel to call it even? These are war crimes being boldly perpetrated right in front of the eyes of the world, and Israel has promised to escalate the situation. This too is barbaric, but on a completely different level – a blood lust of great magnitude.

We would like also to state that every Jew is not a Zionist, and to condemn all Jews for the actions of the extreme right wing, racist, Zionist administration of Netanyahu is wrong. Tens of thousands of Israelis have been demonstrating against the Netanyahu administration for months because of their government's extreme right wing policies. The continued breaking of international law by the Israeli government has gone too far. The violence must stop.

This is an extremely complex situation that has been festering for decades, with no-one being able to solve it. A two state solution seems to be the only feasible answer. We need peace in the world. Let us all support peace.