

Dear Prime Minister,

We are deeply concerned at the level of human suffering as a result of the current and deepening crisis in Lebanon, Gaza and Israel.

We welcome your statement recognising the catastrophic impact the crisis is having on the affected people. However the Australian Government should add its voice to the international community's call for a permanent and enduring ceasefire to allow millions of men, women and children unrestricted access to humanitarian relief.

We also call for all parties to the conflict to adhere to the provisions of International Humanitarian Law. This means distinguishing between civilians and combatants, respecting the principle of proportionality in all military operations as well as preventing unnecessary suffering of the civilian population. It also means to respect, protect and facilitate the work of those engaged in medical and other humanitarian activities.

A permanent and enduring ceasefire is needed now. We call on you to support the call for an international ceasefire immediately.

Yours sincerely,

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Hundreds of civilians have been killed and thousands more injured including many children. Meanwhile up to a million people have had to abandon their homes and seek shelter elsewhere as a result of the conflict.