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ANUSA Statement on ANU Gaza Solidarity Encampment - 27 May 2024

ANUSA completely opposes the use of force to move the encampment on by police or security. There is a protest at 10:30am tomorrow to call for the ANU to walk back this decision.

Today the ANU tried to move students on from the encampment with security and police, on reconciliation day no less. The encampment has been given a move along order for tomorrow at midday by ACT Police. This is an uncalled for escalation. Police presence at a peaceful protest, and on campus, is unnecessary and harmful to students. Students have the right to freedom of speech and protest. All students have the right to feel safe on campus. We continue to call on the ANU to engage with the encampment in a productive manner. All that the ANU needs to do is divest from companies who are connected with provisions of military goods and services to the Israeli military. The ANU has not engaged with these reasonable and ethical demands. We call for a peaceful resolution and to avoid harm to students and other members of the ANU community.