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Kia ora Stephen

Thank you for your letter of 18 May 2021 regarding statements Green Party MPs have made recently.

We would like to begin by affirming that the Green Party condemns violence, wherever it occurs and whoever perpetrates it. Non-violence is a core principle for our party. The actions that have led to the loss of innocent Palestinian and Israeli lives recently, and in the past, are unacceptable. Green MPs frequently condemn many forms of violence publicly and will continue to do so.

The Green Party supports the principle of self-determination for all peoples. Palestinian statehood with a two-state solution has been a long-term Green Party policy position. We strongly believe that all peoples have the right to live in peace and security. Statehood as part of a two-state solution would uphold and celebrate the inherent rights and dignity of Palestinians and Israelis.

We are aware of several different interpretations, in both Jewish and Palestinian communities, of the phrase, “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free”. Green Party MPs who have used that phrase have said publically that they were only supporting the right of Palestinians to self-determination, peace, and security under a two-state solution alongside Israel.

Our view is that Aotearoa New Zealand must take an independent and principled position on global affairs. This means addressing current and historic injustices, strengthening international law, and supporting the principle of self-determination of peoples

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everywhere. Lasting peace, supported by the global community, can and must be the only way forward.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M Davidson'.

Hon. Marama Davidson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Shaw'.

Hon. James Shaw

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