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 **Mr KATTER** (Traeger—KAP) (4.44 pm): I will make a very brief contribution. We have heard a lot about how bad Israel were and how intolerant they are of Palestinian people. Perhaps a lesser known fact is that there are 1.9 million Palestinian citizens in Israel at the moment, which is about 21 per cent of their population, and there are zero Israelis registered in Palestine. On further reflection, this aggressive war machine that invests all of their money has as the centrepiece of their defence a thing that blocks missiles. They did not set something up that goes and attacks people. The whole architecture of their defence is that it defends. If we are going to have a motion that is going to victimise every arms dealer or whatever for Israel, then why aren't we talking about it for Hamas as well? No-one remains void of any guilt in this process.

Mr Berkman interjected.

Mr KATTER: Well, any supplier. I am not going to take interjections from over there. This is a one-sided, biased view that is very narrow-minded and has not taken into consideration the fullness of what is a complex international situation that was very well summarised by my colleague the member for Hill. We will certainly not be supporting the motion and I am surprised it is even in the House.