

Tell the NZ Super Fund: Stop Financing Israeli Apartheid

The NZ Super Fund is investing our public money in companies that finance Israeli apartheid. The NZ Super Fund claims it follows ethical investment guidelines, and that its “decisions are guided primarily by United Nations and New Zealand Government legislation and policy positions”.



As a result of public pressure, in 2012 the Fund divested from three companies because of their involvement in the construction of illegal settlements and the separation wall. These were Africa Israel Investments and subsidiary Danya Cebus, Elbit Systems Ltd, and Shikun & Binui. This was a significant victory, yet the Fund still has tens of millions of dollars invested in companies that profit from the Occupation of Palestine.

Why do we need Boycott, Divest and Sanction (BDS)?

Because it works, because it is the only peaceful means left to Palestinians to end the barbaric system of discrimination and slow genocide, and it's what they have asked us to do to support them in their efforts to resist the Occupation. We hope to replicate the very effective isolating techniques that caused the South African Apartheid regime to topple in the 1990s, with a similar combination of boycott, divestment and sanctions applied economically, culturally, academically. The complete divestment of our superannuation fund would be a huge blow to the racist regime and a landmark victory for the Palestinian-led movement.

Major international successes so far

In 2016 Danish-British security company G4S announced plans to sell its Israeli operations, after losing an estimated \$20 billion in contracts as a result of BDS. Irish company CRH, providing cement for the apartheid wall, has withdrawn from Israel, as has French telecom company Orange. Protests around the world forced Veolia, a French multinational transport provider that runs Auckland's trains, to divest in 2015 from bus operations in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.