**NOTICE OF MOTION - Assessment**

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| **Date raised:** | 16 July 2024 |
| **Raised by:**  | Cr Lani Kereopa |
| **Type of Motion:** | Notice of Motion - SO 27 |
| **Reason for raising Motion:** | Notice of Motion seeks that the Council call for a ceasefire in Gaza. |
| **New Motion****Or** **New Motion to replace old resolution (if any)** | Motion as presented That Rotorua Lakes Council (a) calls to all parties in the conflict for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza;(b) calls on the Government of New Zealand to call for all parties in the conflict for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza,(c) condemns all acts of violence and terror against civilians and for a release of all hostages on all sides in the Palestinian and Israeli conflict.  |
| **Council/committee that motion is to be brought** | 24 July 2024 |
|  | **Governance and Democracy Assessment** |
| **Sufficient notice given – 5 clear working days?** | Yes – received 15 July 2024 |
| **Standing order appropriate?** | No.The issue raised is an international affair and not the role of Council to be involved in these types of discussions. |
| **Number of required Elected members met? (1 with signature)**  | Yes – signature of mover Cr Kereopa provided |
| **Recommendation based on assessment of Notice of Motion** | Decline the notice of motion.  |
| **Reason for refusal of notice of motion** | Standing order 27.2 (b) The issues raised in the notice of motion is not related to the role or functions of the local authority or meeting concerned.In addition,Councillors have previously been provided with updates on correspondence that has been received from the group referred to ‘Mataara Mai’. Council’s response to the group is that Council appreciates the importance of their correspondence and strong advocacy for the people of Palestine and that Council will pass on their message to Government officials who have the ability to influence this situation. Council has considered this request and are not able to accept a notice of motion or similar requesting a ceasefire as it is not the role of Council to be involved in these types of international affairs, especially conflict.Subsequently, Councillors have been informed that this matter is in the hands of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and that they have made statements calling for a de-escalation (ceasefire), and Rt Hon Winston Peters has also recently done so: [Ceasefire agreement needed now: Peters | Beehive.govt.nz](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/ceasefire-agreement-needed-now-peters). Government Ministers/leaders are best placed to do this on behalf of New Zealand.  |
| **G&D assessment conducted by:** | Oonagh Hopkins – 16 July 2024. |
| **Approved by:(Name of chair and committee name).** | Tania TapsellMayorChair of Council |
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Attachment – Cr Kereopa Notice of Motion







