

*Australia's parliament votes  
against recognizing Palestinian  
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Canberra, May 29 (RHC)-- Australia's federal parliament has voted against recognizing Palestine as an independent state.

Here's how the Australian House of Representatives voted on the motion put forward by the Greens:

Yes: 5. The Australian Greens and Independent Andrew Wilkie.

No: 80. Representatives from the Labor government, as well as the Liberal and National parties.

Australia was one of 143 countries that voted in support of Palestine's becoming a full UN member in the UN General Assembly earlier this month.

Several countries have announced they will recognize the State of Palestine so far this year including Barbados, the Bahamas, Ireland, Jamaica, Norway, Spain, and Trinidad and Tobago.

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