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Western Sydney University Student Union
Student Representative Committee (SRC),
28th May, 2026



An Open Letter to Vice Chancellor George Williams

I am writing to you on behalf of the undersigned students, to condemn the close partnerships which Western Sydney University maintains with industries of war. We call for the immediate divestment from these companies, which are currently helping to facilitate the ongoing genocide in Gaza, the illegal war on Iran and the occupation of Southern Lebanon. We maintain that this university should not profit from the destruction of lives, and should instead use its resources for the betterment of humanity.

It is unacceptable to myself and the undersigned that just last year, Western Sydney University renewed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with Lockheed Martin, which is the single biggest weapons manufacturing company in the world. According to Lockheed Martin's own website, the basis of this partnership was explicitly to help "foster skills to support the C-130J Super Hercules", which is the exact aircraft that the Israeli military uses to transport and coordinate forces currently conducting an occupation of Southern Lebanon.

Shockingly, WSU hosts the only dedicated centre in Australia for designing Neuromorphic Systems, which is state-of-the-art AI technology designed to mimic the human brain and other sensory organs. According to Raytheon, which uses this research in their drones, this is in order to "revolutionize how intelligent sensors are deployed on the battlefield". WSU justifies these facilities as they help "rapidly test and adapt technology, reducing the time it takes to transfer out of the lab and into the field". In other words, WSU hopes that our university can help to make deadly research realised as weaponry on the battlefield more efficiently.

Our demands are as follows:

1. This University will disclose and divest its research ties and investments with corporations linked to the weapons industry, and commit to refusing future collaboration with weapons manufacturers, and all other military and security institutions.
2. The Memorandum of Understanding with Lockheed Martin be immediately rescinded.

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3. The International Centre of Neuromorphic Systems shall not produce technology associated with weaponry or supported by weapons manufacturers.
4. As head of this university, you will publicly explain to the student body, why contracts with weapons manufacturing companies were renewed in the midst of an active genocide in Gaza, as confirmed by a United Nations commission of inquiry.

Sincerely,

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