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Sylvia Hale's arguments in favour of a flotilla to Gaza ("Joining the freedom flotilla to break Gaza blockade is a necessity", June 20) overlook two salient points.

International legal experts have argued that a country can impose a naval blockade on a state which seeks to kill one's civilians - and the Hamas charter calls for the murder of Jews (Article 7) and the destruction of Israel (Article 15). What would any other country do? She also disregards that 1000 trucks move 22,000 tonnes of foodstuffs, hygiene products and building material from Israel into Gaza every week. Only materials which can be used for weapons are blocked.

The flotilla is a cynical stunt. Hale could make a serious contribution to peace by calling on Hamas to end its war on Israel. **Vic Alhadeff** NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, Darlinghurst