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Submitted to Display of Flags and Emblems - Call for Evidence
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Clause 1: Removal of flags or emblems in the public interest

6 Do you agree with Clause 1 of the Bill?

Yes

7 Please provide information to support your answer here

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It is appropriate the dept removes emblems and flags from its property if they are intimidatory or likely to stir up hatred. That it has failed to do so for so many years represents a failure to uphold the law and has allowed those breaking the law to dictate what is displayed in public - this is not acceptable

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

Yes

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

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This clause confirms the core principle that all public space should be shared space

Clause 3: Procedure for / notification of, or giving views on, flags or emblems

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

Yes

11 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Currently there is no clear process for either seeking permission to display a flag or to register concern about a display. This creates significant public frustration and this clause would help rectify this

Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

Yes

13 Please provide information to support your answer here

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The lack of a robust policy framework has allowed the situation to develop where there is no clarity on who is responsible for issue around flags and has allowed the rule of law to be consistently challenged with no consequence. This clause would help rectify this

Clause 5: Offence of obstructing the Department in removal of flag or emblem

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

Yes

15 Please provide information to support your answer here

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It is appropriate that there should be a penalty which is clearly enforceable if you obstruct officials from carrying out their lawful duties. This would create a deterrent against such actions

Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

Yes

17 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Yes

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Yes

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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