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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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Sorely needed. Its a matter of going conflict in society. The restriction to publicly owned infrastructure is an important step to finding a common ground in handling these issues within shared spaces. I implore all parties to bring this forwards in the name of progress.

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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Public access areas should be shared spaces.

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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This seems a reasonable accommodation to allow for a community to agree on flying flags within itself with the agreement of its members. The timebound limit seems good too to allow for occasions such as major national events or the 12th or patricks day

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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Yes, I think its obvious this is needed

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

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

Yes

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Surely this is already an offense. Id be concerned that the fact its an offense isnt currently a deterrent to those who seek to impede. A lot of the time its only the threat of impeding which then deters removal, and then the psni decide not to enforce the law for some reason. Im in favour of the wording, only I think it should be actively enforced. Honestly, I think you should just cut them down with a drone

Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

Yes

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I mean, surely they can already do this. The bill would be better amended to compel the psni to actually do it

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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