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Submitted to Display of Flags and Emblems - Call for Evidence  
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## Introduction

1 Confirmation of having read the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee's Privacy Notice.

I confirm that I have read the privacy notice.

2 What is your name?

Name:  
Claire

3 What is your email address?

Email:

4 If you are providing a submission on behalf of an organisation or business, please state its name.

Organisation:

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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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There are flags erected across Belfast that are representative of Israel which suggests that the local community are in support of the genocide of the Palestinian people. This is a symbol of hatred and intimidation, sending a message that the local community are in support of this which the majority are not. There are also flags referring to Jesus as King which suggests that the Unionist view and support of Israel's genocide is linked to religious moral value. Most Christians would not agree with the erection of this flag in their communities as it does not represent them, everyone knows these flags represent paramilitaries.

## 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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Flags should not be erected in and around shopping complexes or main public roads or neighbourhoods where public services are situated because there are mixed ethnicities of people everywhere and it is sending a message that the area is dominated by paramilitaries or christian nationalists. It is intimidating and makes it seem that local businesses are putting these flags up and agree with the views behind them

## 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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If a resident is living in a street and a neighbour puts up a flag which sends a message of exclusion or intimidation, this may affect their ability to settle in their home, the sale of their home or their feeling of safety walking up the street. Especially if this person is from a different community or ethnicity

#### 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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Considering the complex nature of flying flags in Northern Ireland and how hateful it has become, there should be permission granted on putting flags up in public spaces. certain flags should also not be allowed to be flown outside whatsoever including Christian flags and Israel flags or any flag that represents violence or religion

#### 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

Accessible:

People must suffer the consequences of obstructing the removal of a flag

#### 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

Accessible:

The DFI would need protected as there is a risk of violence from paramilitary groups

#### Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Agreed

#### 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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It should be as soon as possible but I understand these things take time

#### Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Unsure

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Unsure what this means