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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

Accessible:

Where the flag or emblem has been put up with the intention of making folks feel uncomfortable it should be removed. Also outside of specific celebrations no flags should be generally on the streets and those associated with specific celebrations should be taken down immediately once the celebration is over.

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

Yes

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

I agree that flags should not be flown in sensitive places.

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

Accessible:

If you are not seeking to cause harm then it can be no issue for you to apply to raise a flag or have the public allowed to comment on your flag.

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

Accessible:

For the removal of doubt there should be a code of practice around flags and emblems so folks understand their responsibilities. It should also be understood that if a flag or emblem breaks this code it can be summarily removed with no further discussion.

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:

No one should be allowed to obstruct the removal of a flag or emblem where it has been agreed that it should be removed.

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:

Where there are threats of violence or if folks do not feel safe to remove a flag they should be entitled to police assistance to remove the flag.

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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Sometimes even the clearest of instructions can be misinterpreted and in some cases willfully misinterpreted, so having examples of interpretations is a good idea, for the avoidance of doubt.

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Unsure

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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The time frame seems reasonable, but I am not an expert in how these things are done.

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Unsure

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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I don't know what that means