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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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As a catholic and nationalist who has been a victim of a violent crime by a Protestant man in Holywood. These flags are an additional source of stress. I have also ptsd from the assault and ptsd from a troubles related incident in childhood. These flags have become the reason for my decision to leave Holywood.
I put my house on the market and I believe these flags have even affected the sale price of my house. It has not generated the interest of previous years when flags were not displayed

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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There are uvf flags at the gates to Sullivan Upper school this is unacceptable

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

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

No

11 Please provide information to support your answer here

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No I don't believe choice should come into it here. Pandering to paramilitaries is not the answer. Cultural identity is not wrapped up in the ability to erect a flag. Sectarianism is wrapped up in this. It's time the country moved past this . It's long over due

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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If it happens then yes. Hurry up it's long overdue

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

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

No

15 Please provide information to support your answer here

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A fine only, what if this involves violence or harm towards a public servant in pursuit of this???

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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Anyone removing flags will need police protection. Removal of flags removes sectarian threats it does not remove culture

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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It should be sooner as this is long overdue. But this is probably as good as it gets

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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