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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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Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

Unsure

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

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By specifically providing for removal of flags and emblems in the vicinity of sensitive places it is implicitly accepting the right to have them in other (undefined) 'less sensitive' places, which should not be the case.

The legislation should work from the principle of requiring approval to erect rather than permission to remove.

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

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

Unsure

11 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Rather than 'notification' surely it should incorporate an 'approval to erect and display.'

Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

No

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This time period is too long. Immediate action is required to start making a difference.

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

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

Unsure

15 Please provide information to support your answer here

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More effective to have 'displaying without permission' subject to a fine, with 'obstructing removal' a criminal offence.

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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Important to have provision to enforce the provisions of the legislative changes.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Unsure

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?

No

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Why wait ...

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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