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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:

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3 What is your email address?

Email:

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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?

No

7 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

If the local community is predominantly of the same viewpoint and wish to represent their nationality (either side) using flags etc then I have no problem with that.

However The Alliance's support for a 15% threshold for the displaying of irish language on street signs - creates community tension by imposing on communities that do not support irish language signage. If Alliance was consistent in its approach then this bill might be considered in a better light.

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

No

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Again - IF the local community is predominantly of one viewpoint then if they want to display their flags and emblems I have no problem with that. Is it not a good thing that a community (either side) has the ability to express itself rather than be inflicted with the Alliance's wokery and grandstanding. Once again the Alliance has no problem inflicting the 'emblem' that is irish language signage using a 15% threshold!

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

Accessible:

It's for the local community to decide if it wants flags/emoles erected in it's area - it's not for me in another location to tell people in say west or east Belfast how they should be demonstrating their culture and nationality.

Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

No

13 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

See previous answers. Also the Alliance wish to tie this issue up in a bureaucratic and undemocratic process. Peoples' signalling of their community views should not be constrained by the Alliance's unnecessary meddling.

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

Accessible:

There is no need for such measures.

Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

No

17 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

There is no need for police input.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

No

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

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This Bill is not needed. I have lived in NI for over 40 years and many times have lived in or been visiting many places where communities have erected flags and emblems from both sides of the constitutional debate. Never have I been offended.

The Alliance's wish to use this Bill to disenfranchise local communities is a disgrace - and all at the same time as Alliance supports the imposition of Irish language signs with its 15% threshold. All shows that Alliance has a deaf ear for its own contradictions.

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

No

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

As previous - absolutely no requirement for this Bill.

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

No

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

No requirement for this Bill. Alloance meddling in local communities.