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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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If there are guardrails around removal with actions to be taken then it will be used appropriately
—because there is currently no comprehensive, straightforward legal power for authorities to simply remove contentious, exclusionary, or threatening flags from public street furniture.

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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Shared spaces are exactly that, shared spaces, they are not to be claimed as belonging to any one group.
Prevent territorial marking and intimidation while still allowing legitimate cultural celebrations and commemorations

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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The Code of Practice clearly states on display of flags and emblems and will or should deter those who will clearly be able to see the guidance and if their placement will result in a removal

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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Having a clear timeframe should result in things moving at pace.

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

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There has to be enforcement and repercussions

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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The police are there to enforce the law and act within the law.

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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Clear explanations are required

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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Would prefer sooner but it has to be allowed to proceed.

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Yes

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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As much plain English/Irish as possible