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City of Sydney Submission - Review of the Crimes Act 1900 - Part 4AF

The City of Sydney (the City) welcomes the opportunity to provide this submission to the Department of Communities and Justice - Review of the Crimes Act 1900 - Part 4AF

The City of Sydney Council has resolved to:

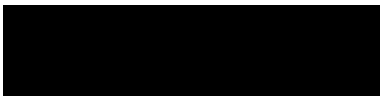
- (i) express support for the right of peaceful gathering, meeting, and assembly in NSW;
- (ii) express support for the repeal of protest laws introduced in April 2022; and
- (iii) call on the NSW police to cease pre-emptive and heavy-handed policing of protests, particularly climate protests.

As a Council, we acknowledge that the right to protest is fundamental in a democratic society. We condemn harsh police practices with respect to protesters, and commit to support and facilitate the right of the community, including climate activists, to peacefully protest in the City of Sydney.

Council joins human rights, environmental and civil liberties group in opposing the series of laws that restrict and criminalise peaceful protests.

I enclose copies of relevant Council resolutions on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Officer

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NOM 13.3 - 21.11.22 - Protecting the Right to Peaceful Non-Violent Protest in NSW

NOM 11.3 - 12.12.22 - Supporting Peaceful Protest in the City

NOM 11.7 - 13.03.23 - Restriction of Peaceful Protests at Sydney Town Hall

NOM 11.6 - 13.03.23 - Recent Police Intimidation of Peaceful Protesters in the City of Sydney