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Woollahra Councillors

Woollahra Municipal Council

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Dear Councillors,

It's been almost two months since Russian Federation started the unprovoked and unjust war against Ukraine. Australia immediately showed solidarity with Ukraine and keeps providing humanitarian, economical, and diplomatic support. Ukrainian community in Australia also provides humanitarian aid to Ukraine, which today is essential as the country remains under attack by Russia.

Russia, with its leader Vladimir Putin, intends to erase Ukraine from the map and deny the Ukrainian nation's right to exist. We are grateful to the Ukrainian community that promotes Ukrainian culture and language and builds a bridges between Australian and Ukrainian societies.

We hope that Woollahra Municipal Council would consider joining the international Ukraine Street initiative by renaming Fullerton Street to "Ukraine Street", that will serve as powerful act of support for Ukrainians, defending their independence in the Russia-led war.

Ukraine Street initiative encourages people worldwide to make Ukraine part of their cities and put Ukraine on the mental and geographical maps so no one ever doubts its existence again. Walking down Ukraine Street for Russian representatives to their consulate would be a daily reminder of Ukraine's sovereignty, with democracy and freedom as its highest values.

We also would like to extend appreciation to the Council for its support on 28 February 2022 of the motion that formally condemn the Russian invasion to Ukraine, and its support on 26 April 2022 for a motion revoking the consular car parking spaces outside the Russian consulate.

Sincerely,

Deputy Head of Mission

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