

A joint statement by Svoboda Alliance NSW Inc, Svoboda Alliance SA Inc, Svoboda Alliance Vic Inc, communities for prodemocratic and antiwar Russian-Australians

Woollahra Councillors Woollahra Municipal Council

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Dear Woollahra Councillors,

The unjustified war and occupation of Ukraine by Putin's Russia became a terrible shock for many Australians of Russian descent and origin. We all have seen heartbreaking images from Mariupol, Bucha, Irpen, Kharkiv, and many other cities of Ukraine. We strongly condemn these atrocities, and we believe Ukraine will restore control over the whole country, including Donetsk and Luhansk regions, and Crimea.

Our community supports Ukraine and Ukrainian people during these hard times. We run fundraising companies and send humanitarian aid to Ukraine and help to distribute other humanitarian aid to the Ukrainians who had to move to Australia seeking for a safe haven here.

We are excited to see the enormous support Australia provides Ukraine with. We also find it extremely important to use any possibility to express this support.

That's the reason why an activist of our movement – Ivan Pavlenko – has started a change.org petition to rename Fullerton street to Ukrainian Heroes street. This is the street where the Russian General-consulate is located in Sydney, and such a step will be a constant reminder to the Kremlin about the side Australia has taken.

We are very glad to see there is a strong support in the community to this initiative and we will be happy to the street being named Ukrainian Heroes or Ukraine street, or in any other way to show the support to Ukraine.

Yours sincerely,

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