



Woollahra Councillors
Woollahra Municipal Council
Via email

Wednesday 4 May 2022

Dear Woollahra Councillors,

Re: Proposal to rename Fullerton Street to Ukraine Street

The [Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations \(AFUO\)](#) strongly supports the motion being put forward by Councillor Luise Elsing to rename Fullerton St, Woollahra to Ukraine Street, Woollahra.

The AFUO is the peak body for 22 peak Ukrainians organisations throughout Australia, such as churches, state community organisations, youth and women's organisations, the credit co-operative movement, educational, returned service, language and other organisations. As such, the AFUO is widely regarded as the Ukrainian community voice on matters concerning relationships within the Ukrainian community, and between Australia and Ukraine.

The AFUO is also a member of the [Ukrainian World Congress](#), the peak body for Ukrainian organisations in the diaspora.

Following the invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched a campaign called "Ukraine Street", which called for nations to change the name of the streets where the Russian embassy or consulate is located to "Ukraine Street". The campaign is part of an effort to remind Russia that its actions have brutally violated internationally accepted rules of behaviour and are not accepted by the international community; act as a daily reminder to Russian consular staff and Australians that Ukrainian sovereignty and identity will always be remembered; and send a strong signal of support to the people of Ukraine as they fight against Russia's attempts to destroy the Ukrainian state and deny Ukrainian people their right to self-determination and human dignity.

We note that many countries in the world have joined this initiative, including Canada, Norway, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Latvia and Albania.

We gratefully acknowledge the Council's support on 28 February 2022 for a motion formally condemning the Russian invasion, and its support on 26 April 2022 for a motion revoking the consular car parking spaces outside the Russian Consulate. We hope the Council can again show its support for peace, freedom and basic human rights.

Yours sincerely,

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Co-Chair

Ms Kateryna Argyrou

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