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From the Office of the Mayor

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Mayor

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Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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26th April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018 – Submission from the City of Ryde

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the above Bill.

I advise that Council at its meeting on 24 April 2018 considered the above matter and resolved as follows;

(a) *That Council note:-*

- (i) *Affirmation of its commitment to pursue the principle of multiculturalism and diversity;*
- (ii) *Affirmation of its commitments to pursue the principle of inclusive community;*
- (iii) *Opposition to any form of discrimination against people from a Non-English-Speaking Background;*
- (iv) *That 52% of Ryde residents are from a Non-English-Speaking Background and that their loyalty to Australian Culture and value is no less than those from an English-Speaking Background; and*
- (v) *Ongoing commitment to the Council's Initiative – "Racism. It Stops with Me".*

(b) *That Council call on the Mayor, as the representative of approximately 120,000 Ryde residents, to write **a letter opposing Pauline Hanson's Private Bill - Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018** to:*

- *the Minister for Citizenship (Hon Alan Tudge MP);*
- *the Secretary of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee of Parliament; and*

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- *the Federal Member of Bennelong (Hon John Alexander MP)*
- *The Hon. Tony Burke MP*
- *Senator Nick McKim*
- *Senator Pauline Hanson*

(c) *That the letter is to list Council's **objections** to the following provisions of the proposed Pauline Hanson's Private Bill:*

- *8-year ban for NESB migrants to be eligible to apply for citizenship.*
- *Unnecessary level of competence and proficiency in English test.*
- *2-year ban in applying for citizenship if the candidate was to fail the unfair English test twice.*

Should you have any queries regarding this submission, please direct these to my office on

Yours sincerely

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Mayor