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for Report: Request to Install Memorial Plaque – Iranian Community – Women, Life, Freedom Campaign

Letter Of Support – Tasmanian Iranian Community

To Whom It May Concern,

We, members of Tasmanian Iranian Community and Iranian diaspora, are writing to Hobart City Council in regard to the recent request submitted for planting a cypress tree.

There have been widespread protests around Iran since September 2022, set into motion by the death of Mahsa Amini, 22-year-old woman, in the custody of the Iranian Morality Police. Protests have been shaped into a revolutionary movement, with the purpose of overthrowing the Islamic Republic Dictatorship, for freedom oppression. The main slogan of this movement has been Woman, Life, Freedom as the early sparks of this movement were created by women.

In light of the recent devastating events in Iran, our community has been making efforts to highlight the brutality directed at the protesters, especially women, by the Islamic Republic Regime. These events are the outcome of more than four decades of dictatorship and violations of women's and human rights in Iran, which the Iranian diaspora is trying to raise awareness about.

As a step towards this goal, we are kindly asking the Hobart City Council to plant a cypress tree in remembrance of this movement, the Woman, Life, Freedom movement, and in support of women's right. The cypress tree is of cultural and poetic significance in Persian culture and literature, symbolising resistance through hardship and liberty.

It would be greatly appreciated if our request is considered by the Hobart City Council, and we would like to thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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