
**MM26/22 OFFENSIVE AGAINST REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AND
ARTSAKH - Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane and Councillor
Sarkis Yedelian OAM****File Number:** MYR/07/10/20 - BP22/769

Like many in the community, we have been saddened to read of the latest hostilities faced by the people of Artsakh.

In support of the struggles of the residents of Artsakh, we move the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:-

- (a) Condemns Azerbaijan's violations of the Nagorno Karabakh ceasefire agreement dated 9 November 2020, including Azerbaijan's most recent offensive against the Republic of Artsakh on 28 July 2022 and on 12th September 2022 against the sovereign borders of the Republic of Armenia.
- (b) Recognises the concerns of the Armenian-Australian community regarding Azerbaijan's continuing violation of human rights and international humanitarian law in Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh) and Armenia.
- (c) Recognises the local Armenian community's appeal to their elected representatives at all levels of government to stand for the rights of the Indigenous Armenians of Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh).
- (d) Write to local State member, Victor Dominello MP and Federal member, Jerome Laxale within the month to advocate to the Federal and State Governments to:-
 - (i) Call on Azerbaijan to cease all hostilities against Artsakh and Armenia and honour the Nagorno Karabakh ceasefire agreement dated 9 November 2020;
 - (ii) Call on the withdrawal of Azerbaijan's armed forces from the territories of Armenia and Artsakh;
 - (iii) Recognise the right to self-determination of the Indigenous Armenians of the Republic of Artsakh and the independence of the Republic of Artsakh;

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- (iv) Call on the governments of Azerbaijan and Turkey to respect the OSCE Minsk Group peace process for the Karabakh/Artsakh conflict, in particular the non-use of force;
- (v) Call on Azerbaijan to release all Armenian prisoners of war remaining in forced captivity since the ceasefire agreement dated 9 November 2020; and
- (vi) Condemn Azerbaijan's desecration of ancient Armenian Christian and cultural sites in the currently occupied territories of the Republic of Artsakh.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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