
13 OPPOSING PAULINE HANSON'S NEW CITIZENSHIP BILL 2018 - Councillor Peter Kim

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MOTION:

- (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) Notation 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
 - the Federal Member of Bennelong (Hon John Alexander MP).
- (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.