

**MM7/25 CONDOLENCES AND SOLIDARITY FOLLOWING
TERRORIST ATTACK IN BAISARAN VALLEY, JAMMU
AND KASHMIR - Mayor Trenton Brown**

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On 22 April 2025, in the Baisaran Valley near Pahalgam, located in the Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, a terrorist attack tragically claimed the lives of 28 people, including 24 Indian nationals, 1 Nepali tourist, and a local resident. More than 20 others were injured in this brutal act of violence. The victims came from various states across India, including Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Gujarat, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

The City of Ryde expresses its deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims, including tourists and security personnel. Our thoughts are also with the injured, wishing them a swift and full recovery.

The City of Ryde offers heartfelt sympathy, denounces the tragic terrorist attack, honours those who showed bravery, and reaffirms our commitment to peace, security, and international cooperation in combating terrorism. The City of Ryde stands in solidarity with those affected by this tragedy.

We recognise and honor the bravery of the security forces, including the police, military, and intelligence agencies, as well as the civilians who acted with immense courage during the attack. Their actions in the face of danger serve as a testament to the strength of human resolve and dedication to protecting others.

The City of Ryde stands united with the nation of India in mourning this devastating loss.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the City of Ryde expresses its deepest sympathy for the victims, their families, and the people of India. We stand in solidarity with them and with all those who oppose the forces of hatred and violence.
- (b) That Council observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.
- (c) That Council write to the Sydney Indian Consulate expressing Council's condolences and solidarity with the Indian diaspora in Australia and in particular, City of Ryde residents.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Council, submitted on 29 April 2025.