

7.4.5 DISPLAY OF TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the hanging of the Torres Strait Islander Flag in the Council Chambers.

INTRODUCTION

Council displays the Australian National Flag and the Aboriginal Flag in its Chambers, along with the flags for the former cities of Waverley and Oakleigh. The Torres Strait Islander Flag was designated a Flag of Australia under the Flags Act 1953 in 1995.

It is proposed to include the Torres Strait Islander Flag in the Chambers next to the Aboriginal Flag.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Inclusive Services

Fostering an equitable, just and inclusive Monash.

BACKGROUND

On 31 January 2017 Council resolved to fly the Australian National Flag, the Aboriginal Flag and the Flags for the former cities of Waverley and Oakleigh in the Chambers.

On 29 January 2008 Council resolved that the Aboriginal Flag be permanently displayed in the Chamber and that the administration investigates which other Australian flags are recognised under the *Flags Act 1953*.

Further, Council's adopted Reconciliation Action Plan makes reference to the flying of the Torres Strait Islander Flag in the Council's Chambers.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A GIA was not completed because this agenda item is not a 'policy', 'program' or 'service'.

CONCLUSION

The hanging of the Torres Strait Islander Flag in the Chambers is consistent with previous Council resolutions and Council's Reconciliation Action Plan. As such Council resolves to approve the hanging of the Torres Strait Islander Flag in the Chambers.

ATTACHMENT LIST



Nil