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To: The Board of Directors and Management Team Sydney Fish Market

## *Re: Opposition of the Red flag of the Vietnamese Communist Party being Displayed at Sydney Fish Market.*

We write this letter as it has been brought to our attention that your Centre is displaying the Vietnamese Communist Red flag, which we strongly oppose. We respectfully request that the offensive red flag be removed from your Centre and we can provide you with a complimentary Vietnam Yellow flag that represents our community.

The Vietnam Yellow Flag has been recognised by many City Councils around Australia as the official flag of the Vietnamese Community in Australia after 45 years of settlement, recognising the positive contributions of the Vietnamese Community in building a better Australia, a testament that multiculturalism works.

On the other hand, the Red flag is a symbol of blood, abhorrent human rights abuses, oppression of freedom of speech and religious freedoms, atrocious disregard for the rule of law.

The continual display of the Vietnamese Communist Red flag would bring offence, sorrow and adverse psychological impact to many Vietnamese Australians, who have fled communist oppression in search for freedom.

The Communist Red flag has no place in democratic Australia. Our position is we will not accept the Red flag to be displayed under any circumstances and as such it cannot be compromised. It is our Community's strong view that only the Vietnam Yellow flag is acceptable to be displayed in Australia.

We respectfully request that the Centre take immediate action to remove the display of the Communist Red flag. We thank you in anticipation and look forward to your positive response.

Kind Regards,

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