



City of  
Newcastle



## CITY OF NEWCASTLE

# BRIEFING COMMITTEE

Councillors,

In accordance with section 367 of the Local Government Act, 1993 notice is hereby given that a Briefing Committee Meeting will be held on:

**DATE:** Tuesday 15 November 2022

**TIME:** Following the Public Voice Committee

**VENUE:** Council Chambers  
Level 1  
City Administration Centre  
12 Stewart Avenue  
Newcastle West NSW 2302

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8 November 2022

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**BRIEFING COMMITTEE  
15 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**BRIEFING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM-5**                    **BR 15/11/22 – AUSTRALIAN IRANIAN COMMUNITY OF  
NEWCASTLE – ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS RAISING  
FOR THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN IRAN**

**REPORT BY:**            **EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT**  
**CONTACT:**            **OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**PURPOSE**

To provide a public briefing in relation to City of Newcastle's unanimously supported Lord Mayoral Minute of 25 October 2022 - Solidarity with Women of Iran (**Attachment A**).

**BACKGROUND**

City of Newcastle stand firmly in solidarity with our local Iranian community members and their friends, families and loved ones reaffirming our staunch commitment to promoting gender equality and women's human rights, empowerment and ending violence against women and girls worldwide.

Following the unanimously resolved Lord Mayoral Minute, City of Newcastle invited representatives of The Australian Iranian Community of Newcastle to present to Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The briefing be received.

**REFERENCES**

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment A:**        Lord Mayoral Minute 25/10/2022 - Solidarity with women of Iran

**Attachment A**

**LORD MAYORAL MINUTE 25/10/2022 - SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN OF IRAN**

That City of Newcastle:

1. Acknowledges the women, girls and people of Iran who are protesting against Iran's significant discrimination against women and ongoing egregious human right violations.
2. Reaffirms its commitment to leading a just, inclusive, and socially cohesive Newcastle where democracy, equality, human rights, and the Rule of Law underpin our progressive City.
3. Stand firmly in solidarity with our local Iranian community members and their friends, families and loved ones, who are fighting for justice in the face of violence and oppression.
4. Reiterates the comments of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon. Penny Wong, who advised that the Australian Government has raised concerns regarding the tragic death of 22-year-old woman Mahsa Amini, and has condemned the deadly and disproportionate use of force against those protesting for women's and human rights in Iran.
5. Notes that Australian Government's, at all levels, stand with Iranian women and girls in their struggle for equality and empowerment.
6. Acknowledges local community members who arranged a moving protest on Saturday, 15th October in Newcastle showing their solidarity with the people of Iran, chanting "women, life, freedom" and highlighting the use of torture and imprisonment of young women protesters by the Iranian government and the deaths of more than 200 people since the protests began.
7. Calls on Iran to cease its oppression of women.
8. Reaffirms its staunch commitment to promoting gender equality and women's human rights, empowerment and ending violence against women and girls worldwide.