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Lord Mayor Clover Moore
City of Sydney
GPO Box 1591
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Dear Clover

GLBTI Rainbow Forum

I'm unable to attend your forum to consider a permanent symbol to celebrate LGBTI heritage and replace the City of Sydney's wonderful rainbow crossing. Could you please read out my message to those attending the forum?

I thank everyone for coming tonight to find a creative way to celebrate GLBTI heritage at Taylor Square. I also thank the Lord Mayor and Councillors who want to creatively celebrate our community at Taylor Square. In a short time, more than 16,000 people signed my online petition to keep the rainbow crossing. When the State Government removed it, the DIY Chalk Rainbow Revolution began and the team behind that should be very proud at their world-wide success.

Many people have suggested a way forward, including a giant flag, repainting the T2 building, renaming Taylor Square as Equality Square, and annual chalking of the crossing for the Mardi Gras parade, creative lighting installations like we've seen at VIVID, and an LGBTI art installation reflecting milestones in our fight for justice and equality.

Significant milestones for our community this year include 25 years of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby, 35 years of Mardi Gras, and 20 years since Priscilla Queen of the Desert. It is also the first time in Sydney's history where we have had the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Premier of NSW and Prime Minister of Australia all support marriage equality.

It would be wonderful to see our accomplishments reflected in a piece of public art at Taylor Square that engages people and provides a backdrop for visitor photographs like the rainbow crossing did. We need a permanent celebration of our identity to help remember the struggles and celebrate what makes us unique.

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney

