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Commissioner Michael Fuller APM

Via email: customerassistance@police.nsw.gov.au Attn Commissioner Fuller

Cc: The Hon. David Elliott, Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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Dear Commissioner,

We write to express strong concern about the increasing visibility of white supremacist symbols and icons displayed on NSW Police Force members.

We attach two photographs which have been provided to us by NSW Legal Observers which were taken at a recent protests at Redfern (date unknown) and Hyde Park (22 May 2021) respectively, each of which which shows a NSW Police Officer displaying a symbol associated with white supremacy on his standard issue Police uniform.

Over the past couple of years, our members have observed, consistent with increasingly frequent media reports, NSW Police Officers displaying symbols and icons associated with white supremacy.

It is now well documented that combating white supremacy poses an increasing threat to Australian national security and constitutes a large portion of national security and intelligence organisations' work. The NSW Police Force's statement of values reflects that Police should act in ways which treat all people respectfully and equally. The display of white supremacist symbols and icons undermines public trust in the NSW Police Force.

NSWCCL trusts that all steps are being taken to ensure that the NSW Police Force is not contributing to the rise of white supremacy in New South Wales. To that end, can you please explain:

- 1) What policies and processes you have in place to respond to members of the NSW Police Force who are found to be displaying symbols and icons associated with white supremacy?
- 2) What steps are being taken to ensure that NSW Police Force members do not hold white supremacist ideologies, participate in white supremacist groups or display their symbols or icons?

NSWCCL will continue to monitor this issue and bring examples to your attention, and if need be the attention of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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