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MINUTES:

of the 5th regular meeting of the 95th SRC held on **Wednesday 7th of June 2023**. Meeting held in LT 1040, Abercrombie Business School, and via Zoom.

*There was a quorum count at 7:05
The meeting was found quorate.*

A. Meeting open at 7:08pm

A1. Election of Deputy Chairperson

The Chair moved that Jasmine Donnelly be elected Deputy Chairperson.
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

B. Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Sydney Students' Representative Council acknowledges the traditional owners of this land (Sydney), the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. We stand on this land today as beneficiaries of an uncompensated and unreconciled dispossession that occurred over 200 years ago. Many of the descendants of those dispossessed live just down the road in abject poverty, and as young people it is important to recognise how this history of dislocation and disenfranchisement has contributed to the inequality we observe in modern society. We acknowledge both our privilege and our obligation to redress the situation as best we can: to remember the mistakes of the past, act on the problems of today, and build a future for everyone who now calls this place home, striving always for genuinely practical and meaningful reconciliation.

C. Apologies, Proxies and Leaves of Absence

Apologies/proxies were received from:

Thomas Thorpe to Jack Lockhart
Rand Khatib to Iggy Boyd
Akee Elliott to Tamsyn Smith
Owen Marsden to Keira Garland
Tom Wilks to Henri Collyer
Alexander Poirier to Grace Bowen
Tiger Perkins to Yasmin Andrews
Emma Garret to Vedant Patel
Julius Whittfoth to Eddie Stephenson

The apologies were noted.

D. Changes to Membership

N/A

E. Electoral Report

N/A

F. Minutes of the previous Council meeting.

Minutes of the 4th regular meeting of the 95th SRC held on 3rd May 2023 were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the 3rd May 2023 be accepted.

Moved: Ishbel Dunsmore

Seconded: Jack Scanlan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

G. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business for this item.

H. Question Time of 15 minutes, which may be extended by resolution for a further 15 minutes.

Satvik Sharma asked what proportion of money is spent by the SRC on the environment in relation to environmental outcomes.

Lia Perkins said that climate change is the biggest crisis we are facing.

Cooper Gannon asked if Lia Perkins was supporting Trump or DeSantis in the Republican primaries.

Lia Perkins said that they were both far right fascists and would not support either of them.

Satvik Sharma asked what this council has done for every student?

Lia Perkins spoke about the simple extensions advocacy and pushing back against the university's degree cuts.

Michael Grenier asked about expanding simple extensions to group projects

Lia Perkins said she would raise it at the next meeting Academic Board about seeing simple extensions expanded to group work.

Procedural motion to limit questions to two per report.

Moved: Jack Scanlan

Seconded: Victor Zhang

The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

I. Visitor's Business

There was no business for this item.

J. Report of the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate

K. Elections

K1. Election of 3 Indigenous Students' Officer/s **

N/A

K2. Election of 4 Mature Age Students' Officer/s

N/A

K3. Election of 3 Ethno-Cultural Officer/s **

N/A

K4. Election of [2 Queer Officer/s **

Valid nominations from Jamie Bridge and Angus McFadden were received.

Jamie Bridge spoke to their nomination.

There being no other nominations Jamie Bridge and Angus McFadden were declared elected opposed as Queer Officers of the 95th SRC.

** Affirmative action and Active member requirement provisions apply
(Part 1 section 4 and 4A, of the regulations)

L. Report of the President and Executive

L1. Executive Minutes

Minutes of the Executive meetings from the 11th of April to the 19th May 2023

Motion: that the minutes of the executive meetings from 11th of April to the 19th May 2023 be accepted.

Moved: Jack Scanlan

Seconded: Eliza Crossley

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

L2. Report of the Executive

Report of the executive from the 3rd of May to the 6th of June.

The report was circulated and noted.

The President deferred the Chair to the Deputy Chairperson.

L3. President's Report

Lia Perkins tabled a written report:

Here is my report for the June Council. Since the last council meeting, the Labor's dismal federal budget has been passed down, and last week the government further indebted 3 million people by indexing HECS at 7.1%.

The Selection Committee interviewed candidates for the role of Electoral Officer, and offered the position to Riki Scanlan. Riki has significant experience running elections at the SRC, as the electoral officer over the past two years, and working with SUPRA this year. With the approval of this report, the appointment of the electoral officer will be approved by council.

Activism

- I spoke at the Women's Collective rally against the colleges outside F23 on a cold, windy day a couple of weeks ago. It was good to hear from an NTEU speaker, Finola, and Riley from the Tenants Union.
- I attended the ECOPSoc and ACAR forum about struggle, liberation and freedom in Western Sahara, and learnt a lot.
- I attended the protest commemorating Al Nakba on Saturday 13th May. This was an important action, and we heard from speakers Fouud Charida, Randa Abdel-Fattah and Anthony Lowenstein, among others.
- As the Quad meeting was canceled, the rally changed to a general Anti-AUKUS rally.
- I co-chaired the joint SRC and NTEU forum on the IHRA definition of anti-semitism, and we zoomed in speakers from ANU and UniMelb.
- ACAR and the SRC made a statement about Modi meeting with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sydney. The Vice-Chancellor should not be celebrating 'leaders' who incite violence against racialised groups, stifle protest and commit violence against their own people. This is not #leadershipforgood.
- Last week I went to the UNSW Staff Strike, in solidarity with striking staff
- The Students Against Poverty placements group is having their launch event tonight, and I've been supporting the group where I can.

SRC work

I'm working with staff on various bits of internal policy and procedures, such as WHS and caseworker policy and procedures. They will be shared with the council in due course.

The General Secretaries, Admin Manager and myself completed our contestable SSAF application this week. We've applied for funding for 7 separate projects totalling \$73,000.

1. S2 Welcome Week
2. Rad Ed and Rad Pride and Consent Week
3. OB Stipends
4. SRC Election promotion
5. International Student campaigns
6. Internal policies and procedures review
7. Maintenance to the Honi Soit Website

I'm also working on some proposed regulations changes, which I hoped to have ready for this council but they still need some final touches and to consult with more people. They will be on the agenda for the July council meeting.

University committees

These are the Uni committees I've attended recently

- Academic Quality Committee
- Safer Communities
- Academic Standards and Policy Committee – the SRC prepared a report about simple extensions, indicating extremely strong student support to maintain 5-day simple extensions, as we all knew. It is now clear that the University is aware this is the preference of students, and any action other than this will not be in the interests of student wellbeing. At the next Academic Board the vote for the new policy will be happening, and we will do everything we can to keep the 5-day policy.
- Thematic Review – there is one good outcome of last year's thematic review, which the SRC pushed for: the requirement to OLEs is moving to 6CP, rather than 12CP.
- Academic Board
- Student Mental Advisory Committee
- UE Education Committee
- Undergrad studies committee

Other

- FoodHub will now be open 5-days per week with support from the USU
- We are told the disabilities space is on track, with work happening over the next few months

Discussion:

Lia Perkins spoke to her report, covered its main points and highlighted that this report will be confirming Riki Scanlan as the Electoral Officer for the 2023 SRC elections.

Motion to accept the report of the President.

Moved: Jordan Anderson

Seconded: Harrison Brennan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

The President resumed the Chair

M. Report of the Vice-Presidents

Daniel Bowron and Rose Donnelly tabled a written report:

FoodHub

- FoodHub is now open 10am-2pm from Monday to Friday, from Level 3 of the Wentworth Building (Welcome Hub) during the exam block.
- Daniel and Rose have contributed to the direction of the new design on bags, T-shirts and posters that will be used.
- The new (paid) Foodhub employee is called James, he will now manage the day to day running of Foodhub. Any donations are still gratefully accepted, please email vice.president@src.usyd.edu.au and/or drop off between the hours of 10am-2pm.
- As at COB yesterday, FoodHub has been used 1,939 times this year by both undergrad and postgrad USyd students.

Other

- Rose and Daniel attended the USU Gala to acknowledge the work of the USU and club executives.
- VP's have been working on organising a badminton tournament in Semester 2 during the 100+ years of international students celebration. Anyone interested in assisting with organisation/turnout for the event please reach out via the VPs email.
 - Follow the Instagram @usydstudentsvoteeyes to keep in the loop on the Voice campaign!

Discussion:

Daniel Bowron spoke to the report, noting that as of close of business yesterday Food hub has been used over 1000 times this year.

Rose Donnelly spoke to the report, and spoke about the semester 2 badminton competition and also attending the NUS Canberra protest.

Satvik Sharma asked if protesting parliament could be considered workplace intimidation as it is Cooper Gannon's place of work.

Rose Donnelly said no.

Daniel Bowron asked if Cooper Gannon was intimidated by it.

Madeleine Clark spoke about the cost of living and housing, and the upcoming June 17th rally by get a room, around housing and if the Vice President's would be supporting this and if they could promote it.

Rose Donnelly said the Vice President's would be supporting the campaign and they don't agree with the Albanese government's approach, and asked as VPs if there is particular support Madeleine Clark would like.

Madeleine Clark said that social media support and postering would be a start.

Deaglan Godwin asked if the Vice Presidents would be attending the rally.

Rose Donnelly confirmed she would be.

Motion: that the report of the Vice Presidents be accepted.

Moved: Victor Zhang

Seconded: Grace Porter

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

N. Report of the General Secretaries

Jasmine Donnelly and Tiger Perkins tabled a written report

Happy June! Happy Stuvac

Tiger sends his apologies, he cannot attend due to a personal engagement.

Over the last month, our projects have been:

1. Contestable funding applications (which have been submitted!) We applied for:
 1. Welcome Week funding
 2. Student weeks (Radical Sex/Pride and Consent Week and RadEd/Radical Chic/Radical something Week. Big things coming)
 3. Increase to office-bearer stipends for ACAR, First Nations and DISCO
 4. SRC Election funding
 5. 100+ Years of International Students celebration! (collab with SUPRA)
 6. SRC Policy Development
 7. Honi Soit Website maintenance
2. Student Weeks – proposed week for RadEd is Week 4 next semester.
3. Attended the Student Consultative Committee meeting:
 1. The University's anti-racism statement was discussed
 2. Lia and SUPRA spoke to the lack of information about tenancy rights – possibly dedicating a stall to this next semester
 3. There is an emerging collab between University Infrastructure (UI), Central Operating Services (COS) and Office of Student Life to upgrade on-campus amenities with self-catering student options. Asked if they could fix the bubblers on campus.
4. Jasmine attended the USU gala with Rose, Daniel and Lia. Ironically they did not provide enough food
5. Rose and I helped organise the NUS End Student Poverty Protest (against Labor's federal budget) and attended, which was held outside Parliament house. We also attended an ANU protest of the budget.
6. Also attended the NUS x GET A ROOM protest in the city!

Discussion:

Jasmine Donnelly spoke to the report covering its main points, highlighting that this has just been what has been requested, and the proposal is not what has been approved yet

Satvik Sharma asked if Jasmine Donnelly had tipped her landlord.

Jasmine Donnelly said no.

Satvik Sharma was named

Luka Fon was named

Motion: that the report of the General Secretaries be accepted.

Moved: Yasmin Andrews

Seconded: Jack Scanlan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O. Report of Committees and Officers

O1. Report of the Education Officers

Ishbel Dunsmore and Yasmine Johnson tabled a written report

We've had a busy end to the semester.

We've seen strikes over the past month on various other campuses, including a 24 hour strike at UNSW which we attended and a 2 hour stop work at Macquarie University. Strikes have also taken place on various Melbourne campuses, where management have been intransigent in negotiations. Hopefully we'll be out again at similar actions in future!

At USYD, the NTEU have now sent union members a draft enterprise agreement, which is set to be voted on at a June 13 meeting. This agreement has been the subject of debate in the union, given that key NTEU demands, including full protection of 40:40:20 workloads and a pay rise exceeding inflation, have not been met.

We'll both be attending the NUS Education Conference at the end of this month, the theme of which is Welfare not Warfare. We're looking forward to continuing with the anti-war campaigning we kicked off in semester one, around AUKUS broadly as well as the specific ties of our own campus to Australian militarism.

Last month, we went along to and built a student contingent to the rally against the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, which would've brought together Albanese, Biden, Modi and Kishida to discuss how best to militarise each leader's respective country. Unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately, but we imagine it'll happen later this year) it was cancelled, but the showing of a great number of people from several different anti-war and activist groups was encouraging and shows the importance of mobilising to oppose the war-mongering rhetoric and action of the Australian Labor government as it marches towards war with China. Keep an eye out for future actions! Relatedly, it was disgraceful to see the right-wing Hindu nationalist Modi rub shoulders with Mark Scott and Anthony Albanese. We shouldn't accept this normalisation of fascism in our education system and elsewhere, it should be recognised for what it is: a threat to equality and justice for racialized groups everywhere.

We also attended last month's rally in Sydney against Labor's budget, which contained nothing for ordinary people while handing billions of dollars worth of tax cuts to the country's richest. On June 1, HECS debts were indexed to the 7.1% inflation rate, meaning that the average person with student debt has just seen it rise by over \$1,700. For many recent graduates that number will be significantly higher. And it means that the increase in government revenue from student loans surpasses the amount of money allocated in this budget for measly welfare measures like the JobSeeker increase of less than \$3 a day. We're continuing to organise around the cost-of-living crisis, and will be part of the student contingent to the June 17 Action for Public Housing rally - Housing for People, Not Profits.

Discussion:

Ishbel Dunsmore and Yasmine Johnson spoke to their report covering the main points. And spoke about the housing crisis response not dealing with the issues, and the failure of government to build public housing making all housing more expensive as there isn't any affordable housing for anyone. Noting that there is a 'say no to the deal' campaign on the university's proposed EBA.

Satvik Sharma spoke about how the government doesn't have property development infrastructure so you have to rely on private development.

Yasmine Johnson responded saying that a ridiculous assessment and the government used to have public housing owned and run, so there is the capacity.

Cooper Gannon asked if we're not demolishing the existing public housing where are you proposing to build new public housing?

Yasmine Johnson there is public land sold to private developers, public housing should be built there instead, and all property that has being left vacant should be reclaimed and made public housing.

Ishbel Dunsmore said we should start with the golf courses [turn them in to public housing]

Bryson Constable was named

Motion: that the report of the Education Officers be accepted.

Moved: Jack Scanlan

Seconded: Eliza Crossley

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O2. Report of the Wom*n's Officers

Iggy Boyed and Alev Saracoglu tabled a written report

The first semester for this year has all but wrapped up and we'd like to give a big thanks to everyone who's been organising in the Women's Collective this year. With semester ending it's been less busy but earlier today members of the Women's Collective were at 82 Wentworth Park Rd to demonstrate solidarity with public housing tenants and protest the demolition of public housing, particularly being pursued now in Glebe. Public housing must be defended and extended, and the labour governments pitiful attempt to force a vote on an under discussed bill that they knew wouldn't pass in order to vilify the greens in public debate can be seen as the cynical political ploy that it is.

We also organised a group to attend Josephine Gazzard's *That's What She Said*, an unmistakably raw and revealing one woman play on sexual violence at St Andrews College. Students becoming deeply traumatised and potentially even attempting suicide is a well reported phenomenon resulting from college hazing, and/or just college life in general. It is an honour to witness such a personal performance and it is a complete disgusting shame that such experiences affect people in the Colleges every day - and nationally a college student being raped weekly - and such experiences are known about and documented, yet still nothing has changed.

Additionally, we'd like to give a shout out to the workers at One Link in Yennora, who emerged victorious from their recent industrial action and won a big pay rise in line with other local warehouses, which were previously being paid significantly more and leaving One Link workers to suffer.

We are in the process of also organising Women's Honi for next semester! We have put out the Expression of Interest forms for both joining the editorial collective as well as making contributions to the paper, we are looking for radically left-wing pieces and highly encourage any non-cis men to apply.

Discussion:

Iggy Boyd spoke to the report and covered the main points.

Bryson Constable asked about an Honi article written by Iggy Boyd asking if there was a source was for saying the colleges were run by religious autocrats.

Iggy Boyd said the names – St Andrews, St Johns – and the assertion in their rules they are religious organisations

Satvik Sharma asked “what is a circular definition?”

Iggy Boyd replied yes.

Motion: that the report of the Wom*n's Officers be accepted.

Moved: Yasmin Andrews

Seconded: Henri Collyer

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

03. Report of the Refugee Rights Officers

Refugee Rights Report

This past month the refugee rights office has been involved in building for the Tamil Genocide Day rally, which happen annually in mid May to commemorate the final push of the Sri Lankan forces against the Tamil people in Sri Lanka in 2009. Together we marched through the streets of Sydney, not only to pay our respects to the dead, but to demand the current Australian government cut their ties with the Sri Lankan regime and open their borders to all those seeking asylum here.

This month also marked the ending of Trump's Title 42 legislation, which was passed as an emergency bill with the onset of covid. This allowed the American government to quickly expel asylum seekers from the US without even hearing their claims. In its lifetime, Title 42 has been used to expel 2.7 million refugees. The expiration of Title 42 is being celebrated by some as the end to an unnecessarily cruel period for refugees, however, Biden has replaced this legislation with an even more restrictive policy. Under the new legislation, which came into effect three

weeks ago, those who do not apply for protection in every country they pass through en route to the states, can be immediately turned away and barred from citizenship applications for 5 years.

Thousands of migrants from Venezuela to Nicaragua to Haiti anticipated the expiration of Title 42 have made their way to the southern border of the states, expecting to be heard for their citizenship tests. "Border patrol facilities" on the southern entrance to the states are now overflowing with tens of thousands of refugees who haven't had their application heard. The refugee rights office condemns this new policy, which has not been a welcome alternative to Title 42, as the Biden administration would like to portray it, but in fact further penalises refugees and reinforces that they have no right to safely flee their own country's conditions of economic crisis and war.

In the coming weeks, the refugee rights office will continue to be involved with the NUS Get a Room campaign, building for an action to defend public housing in Waterloo. The Minns government vowed to protect and indeed expand public housing in NSW, however in the midst of a historic housing crisis, is selling this the largest public housing unit in Australia, off to private hands. Demanding the expansion of public housing and condemning the private housing market will also be increasingly important as a counterweight to the racist anti-migrant arguments made by Peter Dutton in his budget reply speech, claiming that immigrants are to blame for the current crisis. The refugee rights office wholeheartedly rejects this argument and demands affordable housing for all - migrants or not.

Discussion:

Amelie Roediger added a verbal report saying that National Refugee Week on the 18th of June, the theme is 'Finding Freedom' and that we will be running our own Sydney uni refugee week 'Creating Harmony' in week two of semester two and encouraged everyone to get involved, with events being organised by a number of refugee organisations.

Motion: that the report of the Refugee Rights Officers be accepted.

Moved: Jordan Anderson

Seconded: Harrison Brennan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

04. Report of the Environment Officers

Labor is continuing to be an enemy of the climate. Plibersek announced that she would open 4 new coal mines, confirming the historic expansion of all fossil fuels. This was announced as news broke that we are set to hit 1.5C warming globally by 2027 and even earlier in Australia. The fires blazing across Canada are symptomatic of climate change and unusually early heatwaves.

NSW is also set to approve land clearing that would destroy the home of between 300-500 koalas, for property developers.

Labor has also continued to criminalize protests. In SA in response to a protest against Adelaide's annual gas and oil conference, new anti - protest laws were rushed through parliament in just a few hours. The new laws lift the current fine for public obstruction from \$750 to \$50 000 and include a penalty of 3 months jail time. It comes after the mining and energy minister told the mining and energy industry that the state government was "at your service". We support the protestors who took to the streets after these laws were passed, confirming the necessity of protests to our democracy.

We also support the XR protests that occurred in the UK last month. 60 000 turned up which was the biggest protest since the 2019 climate strikes where 300 000 took to the streets.

Our activism

Port Kembla - No Place for a Nuclear Base rally

The South Coast Labour Council turned their annual May Day rally into a protest against the government's plan to build a nuclear submarine base at Port Kembla. A submarine base in Port Kembla would put a nuclear target on the back of every person living in the area and probably expose them to cancerous radiation. We promoted the rally and published a reel from the enviro collective page highlighting the destructive environmental impacts that such a base would have, and encouraged students to get involved with the campaign.

Statement against the budget

The government's budget promised austerity for workers, students and the unemployed, and handouts for the military, property developers and the already-rich. We published a joint statement with the EAG highlighting the pro-business priorities of the government, and promoted and attended a rally called by the NUS which marched from Town Hall to the Labor party headquarters.

World Enviro Day

We attended the World Enviro Day protest on Monday, which highlighted the complicity of Labor in facilitating climate destruction, and demanded the repealing of recently-legislated anti-protest laws that have been used to target climate protesters.

Discussion:

Simon Upitis spoke to the report and covered its main point saying that less money is raised in the taxation of fossil fuel companies than is raised by the new HECS indexation. And spoke about the lack of parliamentary action on climate change saying it highlights the importance of holding politicians to account through activism.

Madeleine Clark spoke to the report about a protest that was held, saying the ALP pushed through laws to prevent protesting, by increasing the fine from \$750 to \$50 000, and giving greater power to the police to decide what counts as obstruction. This pushes even more onus on us come out and protest to protect these actions, we need to push back on these laws aimed to silence people.

Satvik Sharma gave a verbal report and said the environment in this room is not allowing a voice

of non-left wing people. Adding that we need to fix the Fung Shui to ensure civil debate. Adding he will be pushing for a university wide Fung Shui campaign, against the current structure which has seen Cooper Gannon intimidated at work.

Yasmine Johnson asked about the anti-protest laws in NSW and other states.

Simon Uptis spoke about the Laws saying they were = written to target certain protests and that it's a clear and obvious response by the ALP to actions that are being taken right now. We shouldn't be having argument that say disruptive protests are bad for workers and other things, the ALP hides behind inaction, fights for protest actions ensure change.

Satvik Sharma congratulated the ALP for taking the same stance and Perrottet, we need to stop the city shutting down for crazy left-wing activists. Cars emit more emissions when stationary than when moving and so they are actually creating more emissions. And Congratulations to Chris Wrath for voting for these laws and saying that not everyone who comes through the SRC is a crazy left in activist.

Rose Donnelly asked how do you build a campaign around the anti-protest laws with people don't agree with you, what's the best way to get them on board?

Simon Uptis these laws aren't being used to support working people, they are being used to in SA the government literally said to the gas companies 'we are at your service', most people opposed new coal mines in Australia, so when the ALP created new ones they don't care about the opinion of the majority of the population.

Satvik Sharma responded saying you can't build a movement when it affects ordinary people, and it disrupts their lives, and creates billions of dollars of economic destruction. And you're not going to get people to support you when you disrupt their lives.

Madeleine Clark responded saying the Unions have put out a statement condemning these changes, but we need to plant the flag that we oppose these laws. It's up to us as student activists to get out there and bring people along, the majority agree already.

Motion: that the report of the Environment Officers be accepted.

Moved: Yasmin Andrews

Seconded: Ishbel Dunsmore

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O5. Report of the Queer Officers

After Queer Honi – this year dubbed “Fagi Soit” – hit the stands, hundreds of copies went missing with many turning up in rubbish bins. This was an act of intimidation perpetrated by bigots on this campus. In the aftermath of this attack, there was an amazing turnout from the queer and the left community on campus. From the outpour of support on social media to the rousing speak out it is clear that there are far more folks who will stand with us than against us. As a collective we aim to build on this energy in the coming semester, hopefully launching a campaign to engage queer

students in.

Discussion:

Yasmin Andrews wished everyone a happy Pride month and spoke to the report covering its main points.

Jamie Bridge added that the NTEU within a few days of this coming to light put a motion condemning the actions, and we've had a lot of support particularly from the Library staff. There's also been some more homophobic graffiti in the graffiti tunnel again.

Jack Scanlan asked if there are any events for Pride month coming up.

Jamie Bridge said there will be a June 25th rainbow rights rally and encouraged everyone to come along.

Motion: that the report of the Queer Officers be accepted.

Moved: Iggy Boyd

Seconded: Jack Scanlan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O6. Report of the Social Justice Officers

This month, the social justice officers Julius, Eddie, and Keira have been campaigning around a variety of social justice issues.

Students for Palestine and SRC Global Solidarity officers have been organising a very important forum to be held on Tuesday 9th of May at 1:00pm discussing the questions of contemporary Palestinian politics.

For the Palestine forum, the Social Justice officers have been putting up posters, handing out flyers, and arguing its importance to students. This forum is being organized in the context of deepening attacks on Palestinians conducted and encouraged by the new far right Netanyahu government in Israel, and it requires our attendance. It is essential that on the anniversary of Al-Nakba, 75 years since the start of brutal ethnic cleansing in Palestine, that this fight is being led on this campus by leading activists.

The nuclear submarine deal and the housing crisis are two of the biggest social issues in Australia currently. We reject the military spending being undertaken by the federal Labor government as it is contributing to the drive to war. In the midst of a cost of living crisis, more than \$368 billion dollars are being spent on nuclear submarines that could be used instead on measures that would prevent everyone's living conditions from sliding backwards. Protestors in Tasmania drew attention to this by rallying against the building of a new \$700 million dollar stadium in the state with the sharpest housing crisis. They called out the government for its spending on enterprises like stadiums and submarines, at a time when so many are struggling to simply get a roof over

their head. We welcome this high-profile opposition and are contributing to activism on similar issues in NSW.

We have been putting up posters for the Port Kembla March against the Nuclear Base on Saturday May 6th, designing and painting anti-war banners with the Education Action Group, and protesting the connections between our university and the military-industrial complex via its ties to Thales.

We have also been organizing and promoting the upcoming Protest against Labor's Budget for the Rich on Friday May 19th, 5:30 pm. This protest action is imperative because the Albanese Labor government has refused to use its federal budget to prevent living conditions from declining, through raises to job seeker payments and rent freezes. It will do nothing to benefit students facing skyrocketing HECS debts in this inflation crisis.

Discussion:

Eddie Stephenson spoke to the report and spoke about the private school that asked to prospective staff member to disavow the decision made around marriage equality. Noted that groups like this are emboldened by their fiefdoms they create in these schools,

Jordan Anderson wanted to highlight how bad the ALP budget was and the shocking number of subsidies that are directly benefiting the fossil fuel industry, also mentioned they attended the Nakba Rally.

Kiera Garland spoke about the situation in the US for refugees and the action taken by the Trump administration passed and Bidens government is going to be looking to pass something that almost identical when it expires, and we need to notice that these groups are not world leaders in these issues.

Ishbel Dunsmore asked what's next for the Social Justice Officers?

Jordan Anderson said they'll be getting involved in the June 17th rally, and once we've got links to logos, we'll make some more graphics to promote it.

Kiera Garland said that they were looking forward to everyone getting out to the June 17th Rally, that the housing crisis is deeply tied to social justice, and so we should be building for that with leafleting and posters.

Eddie Stephenson said there's a run up to the rally and will need to put some really strong effort into building it because it's the holidays so will be harder. Adding that so many are being affected by this housing/cost of living crisis, and the ALP is trying to get rid of the idea that government has a responsibility to ensure people have housing and provide them with real affordable and accessible housing.

Harrison Brennan asked if there were any other campaigns than the housing one?

Lia Perkins said that felt like the same as the last question.

Luka Fon asked about the rally and how you can justify the defacing Gadigal land with posters?

Kiera Garland dismissed the questions as idiotic and said there are many First Nations people living in public housing who have been systematically disenfranchised and are now having their homes knocked down.

Motion: that the report of the Social Justice Officers be accepted.

Moved: Ishbel Dunsmore

Seconded: Madeleine Clark

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

07. Report of the Global Solidarity Officers

Last month Students for Palestine hosted an incredible forum that drew out over 70 students to hear a panel discussion on “75 years of dispossession and resistance in Palestine.” We were joined by academics, Nick Riemer, Peter Slezak and Lucia Sorbera as well as Palestinian student activist Ban Hasanin. The panel discussed a range of political issues and lessons to take from the history of Palestine to the Israeli state today and the resistance to the occupation in both Palestine and Australia.

The forum really showcased the work Students For Palestine had put into building up support and an audience for Palestine forums and activism on campus. SFP looks forward to continuing to mobilise students in support of Palestine with further events next semester.

After the forum there was a fantastic showing at the Al-Nakba rally that was especially significant this year, marking 75 years since the catastrophe and founding of the Israeli apartheid state. Global Solidarity officer Jasmine Al-Rawi was one of the speakers who highlighted the complicity of the Australian government with Israel’s crimes and the need to resist our own government and take inspiration from the Palestinian struggle for liberation.

Jasmine Al-Rawi and Deaglan Godwin

Discussion:

Jasmine Al-Rawi spoke to the report and covered its main points and spoke about the Palestinian Forum and the discussions had at the event. Adding that the comments from the speakers on the role of student activism and the energy it brings was great to hear. She concluded telling the council about speaking at the Nakba Rally.

Deaglan Godwin spoke to the report, the Port Kembla protests, celebrating international workers day - May day -, striking working, and spoke about how you build an anti-war movement here. He spoke about the dangerous amount of nuclear material that will be kept at Port Kembla if this goes ahead. Deaglan Godwin concluded talking about the establishment of groups such as Labor Against War and looks forward to going to NUS Education Conference and working on the anti-

war campaign there.

Cooper Gannon gave a verbal report saying today is international Satvology day, [a play on fellow councillor Satvik Sharma's name] and elaborated saying in the dying days of the Russian revolution there were Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks and the Satviks, and there were many differences [note this is a joke]. He then read out a poem he wrote about Satvik Sharma.

Satvik Sharma gave a verbal report saying that in the spirit of the MIC and the good it has done for the world he used ChatGPT to write a poem. Satvik Sharma read out the poem.

Amy Lamont (?) said that it was notable that the defamation case of Ben Roberts Smith was defeated which is impressive considering the defamation laws in Australia and asked what does this defeat say?

Jasmine Al-Rawi replied saying not only should he have to pay, he should be in prison for the murder of Afghan civilians. Adding that we need to push that these wars just allow people like Ben Roberts Smith to go out and kill innocent people and degrade them, not protect anyone.

Deaglan Godwin responded saying that Ben Roberts Smith had the establishment on his side and was given funding and support to get away with this, and he didn't.

Jamie Bridge asked Satvik Sharma about his support of Ron DeSantis considering the fact that DeSantis has passed laws that allow children to be taken from their parents and guardians because their parents supported their gender affirmation care.

Satvik Sharma I will not rescind my support against a radical left-wing agenda, and [DeSantis] has actually seen war and knows what it's like to stand in the face of war and defend American rights and values, and he will stand for American and Australian values which we all benefit from.

Yasmin Andrews said that didn't answer the question.

There was cross talk across the council.

Bryson Constable said the Ben Roberts Smith judgment was interesting because what he did was concerning, but how do you reconcile your anti-war stance with your comments that you would kill every right winger in the room earlier?

Deaglan Godwin responded saying the comments were not just to oppose this war being pushed, but to turn this imperialist war into a class war. War against the rich and ruling classes are fine and looks forward to the day they get a taste of their own medicine.

Satvik Sharma was named.

Cooper Gannon was named.

Motion: that the report of the Global Solidarity Officers be accepted.

Moved: Iggy Boyd

Seconded: Ella Haid

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O8. Report of the Interfaith Officers

Sargun Saluja gave a verbal report

- planning an upcoming Interfaith Art festival event being planned
- Condemned the University for endorsing Modi
 - Noted that Modi has over seen the targeting Muslims and pushing right wing extremism
 - Threatening democracy in his action against Muslims who speak out against his actions

Discussion

Henri Collyer asked about the Interfaith exhibition and what it was going to look like.

Sargun Saluja explained the event saying there would be a call out for submissions from the student body and there would also be a prize given out.

Jordan Anderson asked what the other plans for next semester were

Satvik Sharma was named.

Sargun Saluja said she was hoping if this event is a success to run another one later in the year, and also run a panel discussion as mentioned at past councils.

Motion: that the report of the Interfaith Officers be accepted.

Moved: Jack Scanlan

Seconded: Daniel O'Shea

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O9. Report of the Welfare Officers

Budget response rally - the welfare officers were a part of building for the May 19 protests against Labor's budget for the rich. With over \$7 billion a year for property investors, \$41.4 billion for fossil fuel companies and only laughable "increases" to jobseeker and rent assistance, the Federal ALP government firmly sided with business rather than with ordinary people. After delivering a budget that set millions of students and workers worse off for the year ahead, it was important to establish a defiant student activist response. We developed graphics, posters and got the word out in our activity including class announcements which helped create the successful evening rally we had.

We're now looking forwards to the upcoming rally "Homes for People not for Profit" organised by Action Form Public Housing on June 17, in response to the shameful announcements by the NSW Minns Labor Government on the redeveloping of public housing. Their decision to proceed with the privatisation and redevelopment of the Waterloo South public housing estate will result in the eviction and relocation of over 3000 tenants. We stand with current public housing tenants, the nearly 57000 people on the public housing waitlist and all those defending workers' build to affordable housing. We will be helping to build a student contingent to this rally organised by Get A Room: Students for Affordable Housing. It is vital that young people facing the rental crisis are brought into the fight for public housing.

Discussion:

Ella Heid spoke about Modi and the government's response in dismissing concerns about the persecution of minorities under Modi's government. Also spoke about it's a shame that there is a lack of protests happening and promoted the upcoming rallies, adding that we should all be working to build them and attending them as we need to make clear we will not go along with the lies of the Labor government.

Harrison Brennan spoke about the protest on community action for public housing and the importance of helping build and attending the rally. Also, that we working on a campaign for sem 2.

Iggy Boyd asked if there is anything coming up for the housing in Waterloo which is scheduled for demolition.

Ella Haid said that tomorrow at 12:30 there will be a press conference for that, and we are organising a student contingent to the upcoming rally as well.

Harrison Brennan said they were working on building the protests and the Get A Room campaign.

Jack Scanlan asked what some of the opposition's points on offering international students concession cards are, and your response to them.

Harrison Brennan said it was still very early days of the campaign and that was not fully known yet but that there was no good reason to deny international students concession cards, they are paying thousands in fees, they are living and working here, and they are doing it while studying full time, they should not have to pay more to get public transport.

Motion: that the report of the Welfare Officers be accepted.

Moved: Yasmin Andrews

Seconded: Yasmine Johnson

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O10. Report of the Disabilities Officers

Jack Scanlan gave a verbal report

- Working on disabled Honi
- Checking in on the disability space
- Collective has grown by 50%
- SUPRA is trialling a careers officer and we will be working with them while they develop that
- Spoke about the royal commission into abuse and negligence release a report specifically on young people which showed that around 60% of disabled youth faced abuse
 - Of those 40% facing physical abuse
 - 70% facing verbal abuse
 - And 30% facing sexual abuse
- The budget was released and very little was given for young disabled people around only \$20 a month
- Spoke about disabled immigrants who can be deported at will
- Spoke about the NDIS restructure
 - There has been some money has been cut and 20 billion has been saved for restructuring.

Discussion:

Jamie Bridge asked when do Jack Scanlan expects the Disabilities Space will be ready, and when will the disabilities week occur?

Jack Scanlan said that Sat the 17th June is when submission will open for Disabled Honi, they will be organising the submission forms and such after exams. Adding that there is still construction underway on the room, and that is due to be completed mid-August/ early- September and the week it opens will be disability inclusion week.

Motion: that the report of the Disabilities Officers be accepted.

Moved: Victor Zhang

Seconded: Henri Collyer

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

The chair called for a 15 minute break.

The meeting took a break at 8:35pm

There was a quorum count at 8:53pm

The meeting was found quorate

The meeting resumed at 8:55pm

P. Special Business

There were no items of special business.

Q. Motions of Notice

There were no motions on notice

R. General Business

R1. Opposing the drive to war on our campuses

Preamble

The recent AUKUS nuclear-powered submarine announcement, and the general drive to war with China, will significantly reshape Australian universities and higher education. Higher education will increasingly be geared towards servicing the technical, personnel and ideological needs of Australian imperialism. These developments are already on show. The most recent federal budget provides \$128.5 million for 4,000 Commonwealth Supported Places specifically designed to train skilled workers and managers for the AUKUS program. The University of Adelaide is offering degrees such as Masters in Marine Engineering and courses in radiation management, evidently essential for staffing the AUKUS submarine fleet. The ADF have provided grants to military personnel to study a Master of Engineering Science (Nuclear Engineering) at UNSW.

University managements are active and enthusiastic participants in this, eager to prove their usefulness to Australia's imperialist interests. Catriona Jackson, head of Universities Australia, toured the US in April to learn from how American universities are integrated into the US military-industrial complex. The submission of Universities Australia to the Defence Strategic Review proposed establishing an investment fund involving universities, government and military corporations aimed at funding high-level military research. The University of Sydney boasts that their "deep competencies and coordinated expertise in quantum technologies, supply chain resilience, advanced manufacturing and materials engineering, cybersecurity, human-centric AI, medicine and many other fields will position us to deliver the fundamental and applied research that AUKUS will inevitably demand." Furthermore, it is clear that the proposed Australian Universities Accord will at least contain some of these features. Part of the promise of the Accords is to implement ideas to reform Australia's higher education sector for the next 30 years. With members of University management calling for the Accords to 'fix' research funding, it would come as no surprise if this comes in the form of tying universities even more closely to the needs of the Australian military.

Students deserve an education that is not about perfecting weapons of destruction. Opposing the drive to war on our campuses is about striking both against imperialism and the corporate university. The Education Action Group's Thales Off Campus campaign, and other campaigns such as the National Union of Students' Books Not Bombs campaign, are examples of the role student unions can play in building anti-war and anti-militarist sentiment and activism amongst students.

Platform

1. The University of Sydney SRC reiterates its fundamental opposition to the AUKUS deal.

2. The University of Sydney SRC opposes the creation of degrees and research programs designed to practically and politically support Australian imperialism.
3. The University of Sydney SRC will campaign against the presence of the military corporations or the Australian military on our campus.

Action

1. The University of Sydney SRC will publish this motion on its social media accounts.

Discussion:

Deaglan Godwin spoke to the motion and spoke about the universities active support of the MIC, and the development of course that aid this objective. And noted the allies are not the political establishment of uni management, we cannot look to lobbying these groups, we need to push back against

Ishbel Dunsmore spoke to the motion and spoke about the accord and how it is presented as bring management, investors and staff and students, but it's about when management calls for research funding it is a call for more closely tying unis and the MIC. We know that the government will offer sacrificial lambs to protect imperialist militarism. We have a duty of care to refuse them to sweep this push for war under the run, we should oppose the development of degrees created to aid this.

Kiera Garland spoke about universities in Australia being run like corporations, and the people running them act like CEOs and the governments says we see war coming and these institutions support those stances, and before we see these collaborations opened, we need to fight and prevent our degrees becoming part of the war machine and we will be working on this this and next semester.

Satvik Sharma spoke against the motion and asked how he has not gotten ear cancer from listening to that, adding that China has more vessels than the US, and these people want to cut spending on our national defence when every study shows we are lacking in all our defensive capabilities. Adding that those in favour of the motion have not read a history book because they're too busy lying on a Greek island from their trust fund. Concluded by saying people in Russia are suffering because people thought socialism was the answer and saying he doesn't want to live under Xi Jinping or Deaglan Godwin

Lauren ??? spoke to the motion saying that we need to see what unis are doing to upskill students in line with the drive to war and we need to oppose all elements that work towards a drive to war.

Cooper Gannon spoke against the motion and expressed concern for Satvik Sharma's mental health, adding that he thinks we should strengthen our defensive capabilities and we should have an OLE about the impacts of Russian bombings on Ukraine so they understand the cap And the uni should install its own ICBM defensive system, and we should invite the defence force to recruit every week on campus and we should recognise the need for defence research, so when Putin starts firing missiles USYD is the first to respond.

Rose Donnelly spoke in favour to the motion and said the Liberals are out of touch, this is no joke or laughing matter. Adding that saying 'we should be recruiting on campus every week' is an escalatory tactic and that what leads to casualties and lost lives. Degrees should not be for military benefits and Belinda Hutchinson has a massive conflict of interest with her position on the board of Thales. We don't pay so much money to support Belinda Hutchins bottom line.

Bryson Constable spoke against the motion saying that not all military is imperialism and spoke about the deal with Thales saying that it is about a vision-based detection to prevent missiles and land mine counter measures and developing better communications. Adding that talking about the liberals being out of touch when you don't even know what the content of the deal is and ignoring that the resources being developed are for protection.

Grace Porter spoke to the motion and spoke about the motion moved last month as well. Adding that this forward defence strategy compared to diplomacy and creates compliance with the US military agenda and a massive cost to the taxpayer, when those funds should be going to tangible assistance to taxpayers such as funding the NDIS and disaster relief.

Yasmine Johnson spoke to the motion and said that the liberals presented an extreme arguments saying we are currently under threat from China, they have a larger supply of boats that the US, expressed cynical concern for Taiwan's sovereignty despite no care for the sovereignty of places like Afghanistan , suggesting that somehow Australia is under threat so we need to build nuclear subs but they are not defence, but militarism. The government, universities, and military are all united around a project that is it comes to fruition would means the destruction and death of millions of people and put a target on Australia's back through escalation. We need to fight this on our campuses and it needs to begin now.

Deaglan Godwin spoke to the motion saying that we do need to have this argument with students to build support against the AUKUS deal. This has been happening and it's been great to see the many groups who came together for that campaign again on a bigger scale and hope to see this at the NUS Education Conference in Brisbane and building a national campaign with NUS not just USYD.

Moved: Deaglan Godwin

Seconded: Ishbel Dunsmore

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

R2. Fagi Soit: Too Fabulous for the Far-Right

Preamble/Context:

Every year since the late 1970s, one issue of Honi Soit has been published as Honi Soit Queer Edition (also known as "Queer Honi"). This is a queer autonomous edition edited by the Queer Action Collective (QuAC) and an open queer editing team, consisting of contributions by queer students.

This year's edition (also known as "Fagi Soit" or "Queer Honi 2023") was a months-long project involving queer students volunteering as editors, QuAC members, Queer Officers, queer-identifying editors of Honi Soit and dozens of artists and contributors.

In week 12 of semester 1, 2023, hundreds of copies of Queer Honi 2023 were taken from stands and thrown into bins around campus within hours of the issue being distributed. This continued over subsequent days until the majority of the most-accessed Honi Soit stands had been completely emptied. CCTV footage, bystander photo and video evidence and eyewitness testimonies by staff and students all corroborate this course of events.

The University of Sydney branch of the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) passed a motion within days of the incident, condemning these attacks. Fisher Library staff, including members of the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) have also stood in solidarity.

This injustice has occurred within a broader global political climate of queerphobia and censorship of queer and pro-queer expression, including far-right attempts to ban books depicting queer people, to halt performances by queer performers including stand-up and drag shows and to force queer people back into the closet in classrooms and elsewhere, through legal and medical discrimination across all walks of public life.

QuAC has not taken this attack lying down, with responses including a postering campaign, graffiti tunnel painting, and a highly successful speakout. We also consulted with queer-identifying editors of Honi Soit, and democratically concluded that a reprint was necessary. Specifically, we seek to fund a "pullout-style" insert for an issue of Honi Soit in Semester 2, 2023, condensed mainly to the most overtly 'political' articles. **Due to the extraordinary circumstances of this event and QuAC's finite budget (which at present is not realistically capable of funding this reprint), we seek the funding method detailed in the "actions" section of this motion.** This is estimated to cost around \$1657, based on a relevant quote given to Honi Soit in 2022. This estimate is not an exact forecast of the cost of this motion. The pullout is currently planned to be included in the week 2 issue of Honi Soit.

Platform:

1. The SRC condemns this attack on Queer Honi 2023 as an act of bigotry and far-right censorship against the free and radical expression of queer students.
2. The SRC believes that the University of Sydney must be a safe space for queer students.
3. The SRC recognises that making the University of Sydney a safe space for queer students necessitates the free and radical expression of queer students, of which Honi Soit Queer Edition is a vital part.
4. The SRC thanks the University of Sydney branch of the NTEU and its members, and the University of Sydney Library staff (including members of the CPSU), for their solidarity with queer students and the Queer Action Collective on this issue.

Action:

1. The SRC shall fund an updated "pullout" edition of Queer Honi 2023 to be distributed with an issue of Honi Soit in Semester 2, 2023, estimated to cost \$1657 (subject to change).

2. For funding, the queer officers will seek contributions from fellow officers, collective-conveners, and the Honi Soit office. The queer officers will then take this proposal to the executive to approve taking money from each budget
3. The Queer Officers and editing team of Queer Honi 2023 (which includes the queer-identifying editors of Honi Soit) may decide in which week's issue of Honi Soit in Semester 2 of 2023 the pullout edition shall be distributed, subject to the constitution and regulations of the Students' Representative Council.
4. The pullout edition of Queer Honi 2023 shall be based on the original print run of Queer Honi 2023, subject to additional decisions by the editing team of Queer Honi 2023.

Discussion:

Amendment from the movers so automatically added:

"Due to the extraordinary circumstances of this event and QuAC's finite budget (which at present is not realistically capable of funding this reprint), we seek the funding method detailed in the "actions" section of this motion."

In the actions section, an action is inserted after action 1 and the following ones are bumped down:

"For funding, the queer officers will seek contributions from fellow officers, collective-conveners, and the Honi Soit office. The queer officers will then take this proposal to the executive to approve taking money from each budget."

Amendments added in GREEN

Jamie B – spoke to the motion covering its main points and explaining the funding arrangement.

Yasmin Andrews spoke to the motion and added that in the wake of the Honi being destroyed so many people reached out to say it gave them joy, reflected their experiences and was a positive paper for them. Often the queer community has their community presented not by their community but from corporations selling a more clear and profitable presentation. We really hope to put this extra paper together.

Jack Scanlan spoke to the motion saying this was an incredibly bigoted attack, and we've seen it again at the start of this week with anti-trans attacks and comments like 'feminism's gone too far'. But the highlight was what we saw in the solidarity of people going over footage, getting names to faces of those who did this, and people watching our and moving supplies to places like the Queer space and the library, the disability collective will be putting funds towards this, we are proud to support this and hope other collectives also support this.

Eddie Stephenson spoke to the motion and expressed solidarity with the Officers and the editors of the paper. Saying that DeSantis has been mentioned tonight, and that is no coincidence, where he has put in place laws that allow for people to target a book or a picture and one complaint can have it banned for whatever reason, this is an attack. We know the people who attack the LGBT+

community are losers and bigots, we saw this in Melbourne recently and it was disappointing to see the local council cave and cancel their Drag Story Time event.

Harrison Brennan spoke to the motion saying we've seen these events throughout the year and we need to continue to fight back, this means supporting LGBT+ communities, coming to events and pushing against bigotry. Harrison Brennan also noted that something like a council resource pool would be real great to support events like this.

Moved: Jamie Bridge

Seconded: Yasmin Andrews

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

R3. Keep Private Hands Off Waterloo: SRC opposes the sale of public housing by Minns government

Preamble

This SRC condemns the callous decision by the NSW Minns Labor government to proceed with the privatisation and redevelopment of the Waterloo South public housing estate, resulting in the eviction and relocation of over 3000 tenants. Formerly, the previous Coalition government planned to sell off the housing estate, redevelop the site to a mixture of 30% social housing and 70% private housing. The Minns government has continued the former LNP government practice of keeping tenants in the dark, by announcing in a press conference rather than to tenants that the government planned to continue with "improvements" to the site.

The Labor Party under Minns had taken to the election a pledge to freeze the privatisation of public housing assets and continued until days before this announcement to use this policy in its advertising on social media. It also promised tenants that a vote for Labor would be a vote for "Hands off Waterloo". It now insists that the sell-off of Waterloo "does not meet the definition of privatisation", despite refusal to rule out private ownership of part of the redeveloped site. This SRC condemns the Minns government and minister Rose Jackson for these blatant lies and condescending double-speak.

Tenants have been given no indication of how they will be relocated within the densely populated area, and when. Redevelopment is expected to take 15 to 20 years. According to tenant and housing activist Karyn Brown of Action For Public Housing, half of the tenants of the 749 social housing units on the site are over the age of 55, meaning that many may not return to the site in their lifetimes.

In addition, this week we are seeing the eviction of tenants from public housing in Wentworth Park Rd, Glebe. The previous government committed in August of last year to redeveloping three public housing sites in Glebe to make way for private housing and some social housing. This decision must be reversed for the remaining sites at Wentworth Park Rd and Franklyn St, as must the decision to demolish Explorer St public housing in Redfern. This morning saw an action to defend this location, held by activists and tenants, and a press conference will occur tomorrow at 82 Wentworth park Glebe.

This SRC opposes the privatisation of publicly-owned assets and services. We call for immediate and massive investment in public housing to meet the needs of more than 50,000 people on the waitlist in Sydney. We oppose so-called solutions to the housing crisis that come at the expense of public housing and its tenants and empower developers to take hold of inner-city land for their private profit.

We endorse the rally on Saturday 17 June “Homes For People, Not Profits: End The Housing Crisis” rally organised by Action For Public Housing and the student contingent organised by Get A Room: Students for Affordable Housing. This SRC stands ready to participate in future actions against the privatisation of public housing and actions to prevent the eviction of public housing tenants.

Platform:

1. This SRC condemns the sale of public housing and relocation of over 3000 tenants at Waterloo South by the Minns government
2. This SRC calls for the immediate reinstatement of tenants to Glebe public housing and the reversal of decisions to demolish and redevelop public housing at Wentworth Park Rd and Franklyn St, Glebe, and Explorer St, Redfern
3. This SRC rejects the Minns government push to increase private housing stock at the expense of public housing by selling land to developers
4. This SRC calls for all existing public housing stock to remain in public hands and carry on repairs and refurbishment without disruptive relocation of tenants
5. This SRC opposes privatisation and recognises that privately-owned social and affordable housing is insufficient to meet the needs of poor and vulnerable renters
6. This SRC calls for immediate construction of 100% publicly-owned housing stock to meet the needs of the public housing waitlist
7. This SRC endorses the Action For Public Housing rally “Homes For People, Not Profits: End The Housing Crisis” and student contingent organised by Get A Room: Students for Affordable Housing on Saturday 17 June.

Action:

1. This SRC and its representatives will attend the Action For Public Housing rally on Saturday 17 June
2. This SRC will publicise the rally and the student contingent on its social media accounts, calendar and emails with a brief explanation of the housing crisis and the Minns government public housing sell-off
3. This SRC stands ready to participate in any future action against the privatisation of public housing sites and actions to prevent the eviction of public housing tenants.
4. The SRC endorses Action For Public Housing's campaign to save the Wentworth housing and commits to sharing content about this from their social medias.

Discussion:

Ella Haid spoke to the motion highlighting the attack on the Waterloo housing project as important not just for its size but its location in the city. The city should not just be for the rich, this is upending the lives of the thousands of people, and the Minns government is wiping their hands

clean of any responsibility for providing any affordable and public housing for people. They're not 'helping but not enough' they are actively making things harder.

Harrison Brennan the ALP seems to be pushing to make housing harder people, pushing people to invest in the stock market to play with people's lives. Public housing is being demolished and rebuilt with 70% private and 30% social housing which is a joke and allows corporations to profit from poverty. It is policies like negative gearing that only support the rich which make housing harder. It's time we push the government to actually take housing action.

Keira Garland spoke to the motion saying she was at the event in Glebe this morning on public housing and that it is more and more critical that we fight as the rich park their expensive cars outside the developments as a "fuck you" to the people who need housing. The issue with social housing there is no requirement for the rent to be 20% of people income, there is no need or incentive to keep the rent low in these houses or ensure they are even liveable. The housing crisis and cost of living crisis

Satvik Sharma said apologies to the people he brought along to the meeting for the headache. Adding that there's going to be more public and social housing as a result, yet you're complaining that is going to be more housing, and that the people who are complaining are from areas where people will not let development happen to increase supply. Adding that the houses built by the government are soviet style housing which don't allow for communities.

Simon Upitis spoke to the motion

Amendment from Ishbel Dunsmore

Add to the actions:

"The SRC endorses the A4PH action at 82 Wentworth Park Rd, and commits to sharing updates from the action as it progresses, and resources where possible."

Add to the Platform:

"The SRC supports and endorses the ongoing A4PH action at 82 Wentworth Park Rd."

It was amenable to the movers.

Henri Collier spoke to the motion and said it was shameful what the Minns government is doing when they promised otherwise during the election. Not only do we need to protect public housing but build more.

Amy Lamond privatising public housing is disgusting and calling this not an attack on public housing when you are being kicked out of your home you're not looking at definition. We've got so little support for renters, and this is continuing to go backwards and little to no money being committed to support, and these rents aren't capped to the tenants income but the market which is pointless.

Moved: Ella Haid

Seconded: Harrison Brennan

The motion was put **CARRIED.**

Procedural motion to group R4 to R7 together and be voted on en bloc

Moved: Ishbel Dunsmore

Seconded: Eddie Stephenson

The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

There was a call for a quorum count at 9:50pm.

The meeting was inquorate.

There was a request to wait for 15 minutes for quorum.

Another quorum count was called at 9:54pm

The meeting was found quorate

the meeting resumed 9:55pm

Procedural motion to move to R8.

Moved:

Seconded:

The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

R8. Oppose Peter Dutton's racist offensive: the SRC stands with migrants and Indigenous people.

Preamble:

Liberal Party Opposition leader Peter Dutton is spearheading a vile campaign to stir up hardline racism in society. Last month, Dutton used his budget reply speech to slam Labor for allowing a projected 1.5 million more migrants to enter into the country over the next five years, while the Liberals have also stepped up their racist rhetoric in their campaign against the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, claiming it would "re-racialise Australia" and reverse reconciliation efforts.

In his budget reply speech, Dutton linked the projected influx of "more migrants than the population of Adelaide" to worsening issues with housing and infrastructure. His speech blatantly attempted to direct anger over the cost-of-living crisis, housing shortages, falling wages, and skyrocketing rents, into the reactionary political project of the Liberals.

By scapegoating migrants, Dutton deflects blame from the real culprits responsible: price gouging landlords, the banks and the fossil fuel companies currently raking in record profits, and Australia's rapidly expanding billionaire class.

We reject the suggestion that migrants are to blame for the problems plaguing Australian workers today. The ongoing assault on living standards is the consequence of the bosses' relentless pursuit of profits, not an increase in migration figures. Wages were already falling sharply, prices escalating and infrastructure totally inadequate at the height of the COVID crisis when migration to Australia had collapsed.

The Liberals want to normalise the racist views of the Dutton's of the world.

The anti-Indigenous rhetoric spewing in Parliament helped embolden the online trolls who hurled racist abuse and threats at Indigenous ABC presenter Stan Grant. In Melbourne, the neo-Nazi National Socialist Network who called an “anti-immigration protest” on the steps of Victorian State Parliament, were heeding Dutton’s budget reply message just one day later.

These racist attacks from the Liberals take place in the context of a Labor Government in power which refuses to relieve living pressures for workers and continues to rule for the rich. Labor could easily solve the housing crisis by freezing rent and massively investing in public housing. In refusing to actually solve the crisis, Labor are leaving open the space for Dutton and the right to exploit workers’ genuine grievances by scapegoating immigrants.

In this context, student unions like the SRC can help popularise a left-wing answer to the housing crisis, and push back against anti-Indigenous racism. We have to bring together those who are outraged by the cost of living crisis, with those who want to oppose racism, and lay the blame solely at the feet of the government. This can only be done by actually fighting for radical demands, and rebuilding a student and union movement in this country.

Platform:

1. This SRC condemns the Liberals’ campaign to blame migrants for housing and infrastructure issues and attempts to whip up anti-Indigenous racism in Parliament.
2. The SRC recognises that profiteering bosses and landlords are the culprits for ongoing cost-of-living pressures, rising rents, and falling wages, not migrants.
3. The SRC stands with migrants and Indigenous people against the attacks of the far right and mainstream right of Australian politics.
4. The SRC commits to redoubling our efforts to fight against the forces in right wing politics who normalise racist rhetoric and to lead progressive campaigns to fight for real action on living pressures by taking on the rich and powerful.

Action:

1. This SRC will publicise this motion on its social media accounts.
2. The SRC stands ready to participate in any future actions to challenge the growth of racism and against the far right.
3. The SRC will continue to lead campaigns that fight for progressive solutions to the cost of living and housing crisis.

Discussion:

Madeleine Clark spoke to the motion covering its main points.

Jasmine Al Rawi we need to talk about when Peter Dunton speaks about opposing migration and refugees its about excluding people who want to come here, but that these laws don’t apply for his buddies who tried to illegally bring in au pairs - showing that it’s not a law if you’re rich. This issue is not with the poor, migrants, or First nations people, it the rich who are causing these issues, and I hope everyone comes out to the rally opposing the scapegoating of refugees and migrants.

Satvik Sharma spoke against the motion, saying he felt like the most loved person in the room as everyone is fixated on the liberal party, and that Peter Dutton was a great man who saved lives by stopping the boats.

There was yelling though the council room.

Satvik Sharma asked for Eddie Stephenson to be named.

Lia Perkins refused saying that what Satvik Sharma was saying was reprehensible

Satvik Sharma said this was a double standard and this was disgraceful and disappointing.

Lia Perkins resigned the Chair to Jasmine Donnelly

Jasmine Donnelly called for the speaking list to be closed after the next speaker.

Eddie Stephenson spoke to the motion and about the disgraceful policies of Australia.

Cooper Gannon spoke against the motion, saying that he wanted to address the people who would rather young people die at sea, when you invite people to attempt such journeys they are taken advantage of by those who send them on ships that are not capable of making the trip.

Tamsyn Smith spoke to the motion saying the last speakers disgusting attempt to justify the heinous refugee policy was still the most politically coherent argument from the libs all night as its just the parliamentary line. Dutton is scapegoating migrants and refugees for the cost-of-living crisis when it is created by the rich, it is not from the poor, oppressed and exploited and we need to push back at the argument.

Bryson Constable spoke against the motion, saying that everyone is speaking against is a ALP policy we [the Liberal party] supports as we don't like children dying at sea. And its always put up as a bogymen, and that the motions that have been overlooked and pushed back are motions that are about students on campus and they would rather fight the Liberal party that debate actual issues such as genocide in Russia and China and there is constant overlooking of student issues and hopefully students remember this in September.

Jamie Bridge spoke to the motion saying that this issue fucks over people from the global South, not the global North. If you're a queer migrant, the policies perpetuated by both the ALP and Liberals has been turned up to the 11, asking queer people for evidence of their identity by asking for a favourite Lady Gaga song or video proof them engaging in homosexual sex which is deeming and disgusting.

Lia Perkins said that Dutton and the Liberals are far right, and they are running a No to the Voice campaigning based in racist rhetoric, and she is glad this council doesn't care about things that the USU is responsible for, and we are focused on the actual cost of living crisis. It is democratic debate, and there is heckling involved, the SRC needs to be left wing.

Satvik SHarma said that just because it's your opinion doesn't mean it's the truth.

Lia Perkins said she would organise over the holidays and make it true for the semester 2 elections.

Jack Scanlan spoke to the motion and quoted Dutton he said the resettlement of Lebanese refugees under Fraser was a mistake, but only the Muslim refugees and they were responsible for the ISIS in Australia and blamed the Lebanese community for the Lint café incident. Adding that Dutton has said incredibly racist things and even walked out on the apology saying it wasn't needed.

Amelie Roediger spoke to the motion saying that Dutton is disgusting and racist, adding that on both side of government are terrible on refugee policies. Saying that at the moment all of Australia's policies are punitive which is against the UN convention on refugees. Dutton's process has block refugees from getting access to housing, health and education.

Jordan Anderson spoke to the motion saying that Dutton's policies are racist and his Voice campaign is disgusting. Adding that in relation to refugees, the 2022 election the Liberals thought it was acceptable to send out mass texts about a refugee boat being intercepted and people should stick with the government. Concluding saying they fully support Lia as President.

Shovan spoke to the motion saying the Libs are trying to normalise the most vile reactionary and they've said that the Voice will re-racialise Australia and give Indigenous people more rights, they tried to blame migrants to the cost of living crisis. Adding that it's great that people are speaking out on this issue and that we see in Dutton's budget reply speech where he blamed migrants for cost of living crisis and Neo-Nazi's organised a protest in Melbourne to say migrants were not welcome here. The issue the ALP just keeps saying we should keep giving handout to the rich and making things worse.

Moved: Maddie Clark

Seconded: Jasmine Al-Rawi

The motion was put **CARRIED.**

Satvik Sharma requested the vote be recorded for the next bloc of motions.

R4. Motion to improve the ISL

Background:

The International Student Lounge (ISL) is a highly used space within the university. It serves as both a study space and social area. Many clubs meet there and it is now being used as an exam room. Thus, it is of the interests of the students, who this council represent, that the ISL is of a high quality for all who use it.

There is currently one blind which is missing a curtain in the couch area of the ISL.

Actions:

1. The SRC will formally inform the university that the students request the curtain and airflow in the ISL be fixed and improved respectively.
2. The SRC, on behalf of the students, requests the curtain to be fixed before the start of semester 2.
3. The SRC, on behalf of the students, requests that the air quality in the ISL be improved, such as by better air conditioning or installing windows.

R5. Promoting Intellectual Diversity and Academic Freedom

Preamble:

The University of Sydney prides itself on being an institution that fosters intellectual growth, critical thinking, and diverse perspectives. However, it is crucial to ensure that all voices and ideological orientations are genuinely represented on campus, including those that may differ from the prevailing left-leaning narratives. This motion aims to promote intellectual diversity and academic freedom within the university community. Platform 1. The Usyd SRC opposes the silencing of voices on either side of the political spectrum and will seek activism in a balanced manner. 2. The Usyd SRC acknowledges that its current activist stances are not reflective of the majority of Usyd students it purports to represent and should aim to improve this representation.

Action:

1. The Usyd SRC acknowledges on its social media platforms that it is tolerant of a wide range of political views which it will not seek to silence in SRC meetings and abroad.
2. The Usyd SRC makes a statement to the University to create a compulsory “Political Diversity” module that promotes free speech, tolerance of differing views, and engaging in fruitful intellectual discussions without name-calling and labelling.
3. The Usyd SRC makes a statement to the University to establish a formal committee consisting of faculty members and experts of diverse political backgrounds to review curriculum content and ensure it reflects a balanced range of perspectives across different disciplines to ensure students are ready for the non-safe-space that is the real world.

R6. Student Services, not left wing narratives

The SRC is an organization that was formed to represent students and the issues that students face. Although it has an activist history, such activism historically until the 60's has been pushed forward solely towards university management to advocate for issues students face. The SRC is not a political body and nor should it be a political body. For students to see \$2 million dollars worth of their SSAF fees being spent on issues that only fringe left-wing students from north shore private schools, it is an absolute disgrace to the entire purpose and nature of this student organization. This is a time of high inflation, where students are facing a cost of living crisis, and ordinary students do not care about bringing upon a socialist revolution, or the abolition of the police force. If anything they would find such ideas insane and reprehensible.

Whats even more disgusting is to see the electorate gerrymandered to ensure that only left wing candidates are elected. There is non polling booth at ABS, where a huge proportion of the student

population is located, and there are talks of abolishing the polling booth at CPC, a booth at which a large portion of votes were cast for 'Colleges for SRC'. Moreover online voting is dismissed completely, despite the fact that it is still used with great success at USU and Senate/AB elections.

We need to put an end to this cabal shifting student money to left-wing causes that harm students. Lets focus on student welfare instead.

Action:

1. The SRC will work towards the abolition of the collective system and divert collective funds to student services
2. The SRC will solely focus on issues relating to students and not issues relating to a small minority of students.
3. The SRC will mandate and actively work towards a booth at ABS for SRC elections, and also expand options around online voting.

R7. Condemnation of Genocide

1. That the SRC condemn the ongoing crimes against humanity occurring in communist and pseudo-communists nations such as China and Russia against ethnic minority groups
2. That the SRC release a statement publicly condemning the Albanese Labor Government for taking a weak foreign policy stance against the aforementioned nations

Discussion:

Satvik Sharma spoke about the behaviour of the council and the at motions that have been ignored have been on return and earn and campus improvements. They are about fixing infrastructure, and for the SRC to push for that to happen. Adding that people are happy to shut these motions down just because the political alignment of the movers. Concluding that members of the council are wanting to spend money on activism that doesn't lobby for change to the uni where things could happen, but instead to fund protests that don't change things and no ordinary voter cares about.

Aryan Ilkhani spoke to the motions saying that the SRC clearly stands for the Student's Restricting free speech Council, saying it was shameful that one of the motions being moved in this bloc was about protecting intellectual diversity and free political opinion and you've shut that down. That being activists and open to political dissent are not mutually exclusive, and that it goes against your arguments to shut down debate on these. Adding that in every council there have been procedural to push motions from Liberal party faction members, on issues that actually effect students to the end. Concluded saying that the Council needs to show the student body that you are representative, and don't restrict debate and allow freedom of speech, and allow a diversity of political opinion.

Bryson constable, thank you for letting us speak, I would like to speak to my motion a lot of the time we have big social tragedies like we are seeing with Uyghurs in China, and in Ukraine and we

should be paying attention to this. We've seen a reduction in the willingness for diplomatic trade, and when we've traded with totalitarian states to reduce totalitarianism in those states, it hasn't worked in the past. Concluding saying that this motion came from a pure place and asked that the council consider this motion and that sustained activism on these issues is necessary.

Madeleine Clark spoke against the motions saying that the views of the liberals are bigoted, outdated and disgusting. Unfortunately, these view how a lot of power and purchase, we see these anti-trans bills passing, they have a lot of money power and state support. We can't just use bureaucratic tricks to stifle them we need to fight them, and we should be confronting these ideas in the SRC and on the streets to defeat these ideas so they are not confident to raise their heads anywhere in society.

Motion: R4

Moved: Thomas Thorpe

Seconded: Satvik Sharma

Motion: R5

Moved: Aryan Ilkhani

Seconded: Satvik Sharma

Motion: R6

Moved: Satvik Sharma

Seconded: Bryson Constable.

Motion: R7

Moved: Bryson Constable

Seconded: Satvik Sharma

The motions were put en bloc and **FAILED**.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Votes for

Jack Lockhardt

Cooper Gannon

Bryson Constable

Satvik Sharma

Quiana Harvey

Votes against

Harrison Brennan

Ishbel Dunsmore

Simone Maddison

Yasmin Andrews

Grace Porter

Daniel O'Shea

Grace Bowen

Henri Collyer

Jordan Anderson

Jack Scanlan
Angus Dermondy
Victor Zhang
Jasmine Al-Rawi
Eddie Stephenson
Madeleine Clark
Simon Upitis
Kiera Garland
Tamsym Smith
Yasmine Johnson
Ella Haid
Deaglan Godwin
Jasmine Donnelly
Emily Mackay

Abstentions:

Amelie Roediger
Eliza Crossley
Bowen Gao
Lily Wei

The meeting closed at 10:43pm.