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MINUTES:

of the 9th regular meeting of the 95th SRC held on **Wednesday 4th October 2023**. Meeting held in the New Law Lecture Theatre 104, and via Zoom.

*Quorum count at 6:08pm
Meeting was found quorate.*

A. Meeting open at 6:10pm

A1. Election of Deputy Chairperson

The Chair moved that Harrison Brennan 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.

Ben McGrory gave the acknowledgement of country.

C. Apologies, Proxies and Leaves of Absence

Owen Marsden-Readford to Shovan Bhattarai
Akee Elliott to Tom Williams
Tom Wilks to Rose Donnelly
Simone Maddison to Iggy Boyd
Grace Porter to Olivia Lee
Alexander Poirier to Cara Eccleston
Bryson Constable to Sam Berry
Jasmine Al-Rawi to Tamsyn Smith
Late apologies from James Sheriff to Jamie Bridge
Late apologies from Michael Grenier

The apologies were noted.

D. Changes to Membership

E. Electoral Report

E1. Consideration of any resignations

There were no resignations

E2. Report of the Electoral Officer

The election results may be found in this week's edition of Honi Soit, and they became the final declaration as of 5PM 3 October.

Please note that complete information regarding the results will be available in the Electoral Officer's Report, which is slated for presentation to the 2024 Council at the February Council meeting

Motion: That the Council accept the resignations.

Moved: Jack Scanlan

Seconded: Harrison Brennan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

F. Minutes of the previous Council meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of 95th SRC Council held on 6th September 2023 were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the 6h September 2023 be accepted.

Moved: Victor Zhang

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.

I. Visitor's Business

There was no business for this item.

J. Report of the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate

K. Elections

L. Report of the President and Executive

L1. Executive Minutes

Minutes of the Executive meetings from the 22nd August to the 5th of September 2023

Motion: that the minutes of the executive meetings from 22nd August to the 5th of September 2023 be accepted.

Moved: Victor Zhang

Seconded: Jordan Anderson

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

L2. President's Report

Lia Perkins tabled a written report:

I would like to congratulate all involved in the SRC elections for their vigour, excitement and political arguments on the campaign trail. It is always exciting to participate in the great contest of ideas among the student body. I would like to congratulate Harrison Brennan on his election as President, his left wing platform of student housing, opposition to the corporate University and belief in the student union makes me excited to see what his Presidency has in store. I would also like to congratulate Rose Donnelly on her campaign – you share a strong passion for student unionism, and I know you will flourish in what you do next. We can all celebrate the enormous victory the left had over the right wing forces attempting to gain seats in the student union.

As we all know, the Referendum is happening this month. I will be voting yes, and encourage others to do so too. I've been using the SRC page to promote the upcoming action, as well as putting up posters. Get involved in whatever way you can.

Activism

Things I've attended over the past month:

- Demonstration at the Quad for the Voice – I attended this demonstration organised by USYD students for yes
- Stop Coal Seam Gas rally student speak out – we heard some great speeches about this on campus
- UNSW Protest against Attila Brungs
- Times Higher Education protest – great speeches in front of F23 then an exciting protest at ABS. Unfortunately Vice Chancellors are highly protected by security so we couldn't present our honest report card of Mark Scott
- Concession Opal Card Campaign – the petition from the SRC and SUPRA is now live. We have been working on promoting this, and will be having a campaign catchup meeting next week, as well as planning a bigger action later in the semester. We need more people to get involved in this campaign to send a big message.

Upcoming

- RAFFWU Coles and Woolworth strike on Saturday 7th
- Students Against Placement Poverty BBQ Monday 9th
- Anti-racism voice rally on Wednesday 11th
- Voice Referendum Saturday 14th - vote yes!

SRC

- The PA system was finally returned! We are now returning to a process of hiring out the PA system from the front office.

- I checked out the new Disability Community Room with Khanh and Gemma. It's exciting that this project is finally complete.
- On Tuesday a few of us met with a representative from the Palestinian BDS movement about implementing the actions from the BDS motion the SRC recently passed. The USyd SRC will be the Apartheid Free Zone in the country.
- I visited SUPRA's art exhibition celebrating 100 years of International Students. It's in the International Student lounge for the next while.
- Myself, the General Secretaries and Harrison are currently working on the SRC's SSAF application for 2024. It is due at the end of October, and we are applying for an uplift to activist budgets and NUS affiliation, OB stipends, an SRC Research officer and more. We believe the University should increase the base pool to allow for these necessities. If you would like to speak to us about SSAF, get in touch with one of us.

Committees – I have nothing major to report for this month

- Undergraduate Studies Committee
- Academic Standards and Policy Committee
- Scams and Student Safety Committee
- UE Education Committee

Other

- The official 96th SRC Representatives-Elect will be held on Wednesday, October 25.

Discussion:

Lia Perkins covered the main points of her report.

Tom Williams spoke to the council saying that Lia Perkins has spent a lot of time in meetings with management and committee meetings, asking Lia if she thought that that time had advanced the cause of the left.

Lia Perkins responded saying calling it 'a lot of time' is a gross exaggeration and noted that in those meeting she and other were able to push to keep 5-day simple extensions, and importantly we didn't back down, adding that while you don't win the real changes for students at these meeting we do gain knowledge and understanding. Concluding that it is the role of the President to go to these meetings.

Satvik Sharma was named.

Mikaela Pappou said that Grassroots say they don't negotiate with management, but you've gone to these meetings without reporting back to council on what was happening or giving adequate reports on what you are saying in those meetings. Adding that there needs to be better consultation with the council and report backs on what is happening. Asking if this will this be improved.

Lia Perkins responded saying that her reports often do include a lot of detail, and I also mention what happens on these committees and pass information onto relevant departments as they happen.

Harrison Brennan noted that question time was over and that the meeting should continue.

Procedural motion to suspend standing orders to allow for 3 questions after each report

Moved: Deaglan Godwin

Seconded Shovan B Bhattarai

CARRIED.

Procedural motion to limit speaking time to 2 minutes per person.

Moved: Jack Scanlan

Seconded: Victor Zhang

WITHDRAWN

Shovan Bhattarai spoke about the grassroots presidencies in the past and say that the faction has at best come to some events, and at other times been obstacles to activism. Adding that the action mentioned in the report is a BBQ, and if that is the only event how are you distinguishable to other groups. Shovan asked that if there was an issue with activating members of the council, how is it being addressed and does Lia Perkins think there has been a problem with being an activist this year.

Lia Perkins responded saying that this chooses to ignore the activist work that Grassroots members have done and are doing and seeks only to undermine the work that is being done and ignore that Grassroot have committed the SRC to activist work, unlike Labor who ran on a platform of taking funding away from activist work.

Ella Haid was named.

Motion to accept the report of the President.

Moved: Jordan Anderson

Seconded: Eliza Crossley

The motion was put and **FAILED**.

M. Report of the Vice-Presidents

Daniel Bowron and Rose Donnelly tabled a written report:

Voice Referendum

- RALLY AGAINST RACISM next Wednesday 11 October at 1pm outside Fisher!
 - Banner paint at Cadigal Green this Friday at 4pm.

FoodHub

- Thank you to those who have signed up to volunteer recently.
- The USU has introduced a registration system for FoodHub similar to that used at UNSW and other food banks. Please pass on the message to any FoodHub users you know and ensure they book in a slot so that they can continue to pick up food at their usual time (link: <https://events.humanitix.com/usyd-foodhub?c=usulp>).

Student Leadership Trainings

The following trainings are the last ones taking place in 2023. Please sign up if you are interested!

Training Type	Duration (days)	Dates available	Registration link
Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)	2	30 Nov - 1 Dec OR 7 Dec - 8 Dec	https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/42gYcP81Irt94W3wAuPbznS?domain=eventbrite.com.au
First Aid	1	27 Nov OR 5 Dec	https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/4XolCq71mwf1Y3j2XsXKSmh?domain=eventbrite.com.au
Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)	1	14 Oct OR 2 Dec	https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/273LCr81nytrQYIm2h4M4k-?domain=eventbrite.com.au
Accidental Counsellor Training	1	28 Nov	https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/H9waCv11rKiEw5zlAcAE7gR?domain=usyd-lifeline.mygo1.com

Discussion:

Rose Donnelly spoke to the report and thanked the Labor coalition for their support during the elections and spoke about the USU and Food hub and the other points of the report.

Deaglan Godwin asked about the voice campaign, and spoke about the importance of the rally, and the importance of calling out the racism of the no campaign.

Rose Donnelly noted that there was extensive research in how to how they [the Yes campaign] wanted to campaign for this, and the campaign wanted to be a hopeful and optimistic angle. Looking back on this campaign now, one of the arguments that I've seen is that the racism of the No campaign is a reason alone to vote yes, I agree with you but I know why they have taken the positive strategy, I think now it was wrong now as the number for Yes has gone down, and there needs to be a more nuanced discussion and there needs to be more discussion around the racism, and I'm not at the top of this and don't have the information to say more.

Gerard Buttigieg asked about Rose Donnelly's role in organising the upcoming rally.

Rose Donnelly responded saying she's been in the SRC for a few years and it's hard to learn how to organise, we've been working on these for a while and to suggest that we've not been doing things is inaccurate. The fight goes beyond the referendum, but the more we talk about that the less we are talking about what is happening. I don't agree with how Albanese has gone about many aspects of the campaign but I'm still going to push for Yes.

Victor Zhang noted that many voters do not decide till they go to vote and asked what we should be doing to sway voters at pre-poll and on election day.

Rose Donnelly responded that we need to jump on social media, we've got a phone banking session happening next week, we need to be optimistic and fight for the Yes vote and not give up hope for that.

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

Moved: Jasmine Donnelly

Seconded: Gerard Buttigieg

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

N. Report of the General Secretaries

Jasmine Donnelly and Tiger Perkins tabled a written report.

October 9 Enviro Rally

Have been flyer-ing and poster-ing and making reels for the October 9 rally, Protest Enviro Minister Tanya Plibersek: Climate Action Now, organised by the cross-campus Enviro Collective. Tiger will be chairing this rally alongside Gina, important that everyone shows up to UTS at 12pm for the speeches before a march to Tanya Plibersek's office on Cleveland St.

Rally against racism: Yes to the Voice

Referendum on October 14, important to fight the racism of the no campaign. Rally on Wednesday October 11, 1pm Fisher Library.

Mandarin speaking solicitor

Lia and Tiger interviewed candidates this week alongside the SRC legal service, who have stressed for some time the importance of having a Mandarin speaking solicitor to deal with a large number of students who, according to the legal service, face a large enough language barrier with the existing solicitors that we have not been able to provide effective legal advice to a large number of students. We are planning to offer someone the job this week as 0.4 role.

SSAF Funding Applications

We have begun the process early this year of applying for an uplift in our SSAF base funding. For your interest, here is the list of things that we will be applying for in addition to the existing annual base application:

- **Enshrining the following Office Bearer stipends** into the base, which were funded through contestable for the last five months of this year
 - First Nations, Ethnocultural, Disabilities and with the addition of Queer
 - Plan: where there are 1 or 2 OBs it would operate in the same way as current paid OBs, ½ President's stipend for one, ⅓ each for two. Would also be capped at ⅔ of President's stipend to be distributed evenly if there are three or four OBs (regs don't permit that for GS, VP, Women's, Ed as the costs would blowout astronomically but regs still allow for four First Nations OBs for example.
- **15% increase to activism and OB budgets**, the pool for distribution amongst the collectives and offices is currently \$63,000, this would take us to \$72,450 to be distributed amongst office bearers next year.

- Continuation of the new Mandarin speaking solicitor.
- Funding application to increase the NUS affiliation fee which has risen with inflation
- SRC Research Officer - part-time role, caseworkers are too overloaded to complete the 'policy' part of their role
- Elections uplift - as wages for polling booth attendants etc. as well as general costs go up, our funding needs to go up, particularly when the elections were in deficit last year.
- Orientation and transition (welcome week) - USU takes a large chunk of our funding just for stall hire

Budget Update

This is the money remaining in each office bearer/collective account as of 30/09

Indigenous	\$800
Disabilities	\$1490.18
Education	\$7480.94
Environment	\$3803.81
Ethnocultural (ACAR)	\$1577.14
Queer	\$1240.59
SASH	\$1450
Global Soli	\$480.91
Refugee Rights	\$0
Welfare	\$2915.36
Women's	\$3884.87
Honi Soit	\$4099.10
Intercampus	\$300
Interfaith	\$300
Social Justice	\$500
Student Accommodation	\$500
International Students	\$2000

Discussion:

Tiger Perkins spoke to the report and covered the main points.

Jasmine Donnelly congratulated Rose Donnelly on her campaign and reiterated the work being done on SSAF, and that they were looking into getting an uplift in the NUS affiliation fee. Adding that that Ishbel Dunsmore failed to get elected as a Rep for the 96th SRC.

Tamsyn Smith asked about the rising tide campaign, saying that the rally and campaign was desperately needed and asked if the GenSecs agreed that we should be building and mobilising for the rally.

Jasmine Donnelly said that she's really excited for it and she hopes to be there.

Tiger Perkins concurred that it was important to be involved in these movements and campaigns and these actions are important for politicising the people who participate in these and get the media attention about it, and definitely supports the campaign.

Julius Wittfoth asked about the cost-of-living crisis and that they have been working on building that movement? Adding that Labor and Grassroots were indistinguishable during the SRC elections.

Jasmine Donnelly responded saying it was important for her to take a stance against the Labor party on the cost-of-living response and that's why she is a member of the Labor Party so she can take a stand in many different ways.

Tiger Perkins responded saying that suggesting that there is nothing distinguishable between Grassroots and Labor is bullshit, and that Socialist Alternative don't really believe it, pointing out that National Labor Students defended Labor's Housing initiative while Grassroots has been working on, and building campaigns all year on the cost-of-living crisis and how that won't aid anyone.

Satvik Sharma spoke about the net 0 emissions and said we need net 0 activism.

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

Moved: Jordan Anderson

Seconded: Gerard Buttigieg

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

Hello! Lots has happened in the last month (aside from elections 🗳️🗳️), and mid-sem didn't stop us from getting rowdy!!

Last Thursday, we successfully marched on and disrupted the Times Higher Ed Summit. The people responsible for slashing and dashing courses and staff conditions, corporatizing our Uni, and

welcoming weapons, gambling, and fossil fuel companies onto campus decided that a polite get-together of corporates paying upwards of \$3000 a ticket was exactly what was needed to cover up the crimes of the modern neoliberal university. Between unpaid placements, increasing HECs debts, rampant sexual violence on campus and a cost of living crisis that just isn't going away, students are continuously receiving the short end of the stick when it comes to their quality of life and education. Members of the Education Action Group realise that students can no longer afford to allow corporates to get away with clinking champagne glasses and pretend that the current state of affairs is anything but abysmal. We need real action now!

In terms of attacks on education, we've also heard about potential cuts to FASS units at USYD. This comes after hundreds of course cuts in the last few years, and would mean significant job losses, particularly for casual workers. We'll be campaigning to stop the cuts, wherever they happen. At the same time this is happening, USyd are getting ready to host a stall at the annual Indo-Pacific Maritime Expo - an Marrickville Peace Group, and XR on November the 7th.

expo that brings together the people responsible for some of the most bloody and brutal conflicts worldwide. We'll be protesting this alongside anti-war groups like Wage Peace, the We're also excited to hear that Melbourne Uni staff are on strike again, for their second round of week-long strike action! After management teams at universities across the country have managed to get their way, sending staff pay and conditions backwards, it's significant that UniMelb staff were overwhelmingly in support of further strike action to win their ambitious claims. Even after management put forward minor concessions in an attempt to prevent the current strike, 82% of union members at a record-breaking 450 person meeting voted to go ahead with industrial action. Solidarity with NTEU members at UniMelb and the students out to support them!

We were out at UNSW last Wednesday to rally with activists there against VC Attila Brungs. As one of the highest paid vice chancellors in the country (and internationally), he has spent his time attacking staff and student conditions. He's also being investigated by ICAC, and recent reports in the Saturday paper show that he was having his yacht club membership (and Pilates magazine subscription) paid for with student fees.

We're also gearing up for the Housing Justice Summit organised by Action For Public Housing this coming Sunday at 1PM at the MUA Offices. Geared towards discussing concrete solutions to the housing crisis, this will bring further light to our continuing housing and rental campaign, especially following the HAFF's shameful passing. Ishbel will be speaking!

In other news, we will be supporting the Cross-Collective enviro action happening on Monday the 9th at 12PM outside UTS Tower to demand a just transition to 100% publicly owned renewables, an end to Santos' projects on Gomerioi land, and more. Finally, we'll be supporting the rally for a 'yes' outcome in the upcoming referendum on the 11th at 1PM, starting outside Fisher Library. The racism coming from the right needs to be quashed, and as such, we need to stand up and fight for decolonisation, land rights and the implementation of the RCIADIC recommendations now.

Get involved in the EAG, our next meeting is next Weds at 3PM!

Discussion:

Ishbel spoke to the report covering its main points reading out sections of the report.

Satvik Sharma and Sam Berry were named.

Yasmine Johnson spoke to the report and spoke about how this year we've spoke about the issues about what people should and are angry about but the SRC this year has failed on them. The SRC needs to pick a side and get involved we can't sit on the fence. The factions aside from Socialist Alternative have sat on the fence - it is sitting on the fence to sit on University boards, to not stand up to fossil fuel execs, to take up action and push for not just concessions but wins. Adding that the SRC spends all year doing both and not getting work on activism done.

Shovan Bhattarai wanted a response from Ishbel Dunsmore on what the difference between Grassroots and National Labor Students was, saying that when you call yourself a left wing activist group but in practice you are the same bar some rhetoric.

Ishbel Dunsmore responded saying it was a bizarre question saying that Grassroots participate in autonomous collectives and their work, and have been fighting on issues like cost of living, on sexual violence on campus, and fighting to shut down the colleges. Pushing back on honours cuts, the housing occupation, we are organising on all these things. Concluding that she's been working with Yasmine all year so how can they say she's not doing any activism?

Yasmine Johnson responded saying that this question is serious, your faction has spent the majority of the year in meetings with management, and occasionally coming to protests and events. What do you see in your political stance?

Tiger Perkins asked we've heard a lot of fence sitting accusations but what do you think grassroots position is actually on issues like the environment?

Yasmine Johnson responded saying that grassroots sit on the fence, by saying you can't call on the abolishment of the fossil fuel industry, one says you have to shut down the industry now and one is that fossil fuels are fine - talking about 'just transitions' is sitting on the fence the movement needs rebuilding but you need to give answers, not dodge the question.

Hersha Kadkol responded to the debate saying that no one has said Grassroots has to have the same opinion as Socialist Alternative, but what actions are being taken and what will be done and how will these build and activist student union? Adding that the practise so far has not matched the rhetoric, such as calling for a boycott of the accords then submitting paper to them. Hersha continued saying that Grassroots brought less than 10 people to the last housing rally and are not taking the lead to reorient the SRC to be an activist organisation, adding that insular collective meeting and meeting with management and government doesn't grow a fighting left.

Satvik Sharma, Sam Barry, Thomas Thorpe, and Qiana Harvey were named.

Ishbel Dunsmore said that the work of the collectives have built a number of campaigns on campus, and that she didn't understand the aspect of the management questions, as it's not relevant to the Education Officer. Concluding that members who have gone to Academic board meeting are why we have information about what the Uni is planning, that's how we get information.

Procedural to move to the next item of business

Moved: Satvik Sharma

Seconded: Thomas Thorpe

The procedural was put and **FAILED**.

Yasmine Johnson responded saying that the argument that was made was the same at Labor students said about the accords, argument that people won't know about things unless you go. If you got to these meetings you don't win anything they don't care about what you ask for, the university has gone backwards under Grassroots because you don't build a position of opposition.

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

Moved: Sam Barry

Seconded: Shovan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

02. Report of the Wom*n's Officers

Iggy Boyed and Alev Saracoglu tabled a written report

The Women's Collective made this year's edition of our autonomous publication, Women's Honi, in the last month. It printed in Week 8 and it's been great to see them around campus, we hope everyone was able to have a read of it. It had some excellent pieces on misogyny in young political spaces, the Labor party's commitments on abortion and other issues affecting women and non-binary people, misogyny in the Anglican church and much more! Big thanks to all who submitted pieces, made art, edited and helped layup. Particular thanks goes to Jo Staas, who made the amazing cover art.

We've also been working hard at this year's Radical Pride and Consent Week. We have t-shirts and stickers being printed right now and we have some exciting sessions coming along like a talk about sex work, a discussion of the corporatisation of Mardi Gras and a film screening of The Hunting Ground. We'll have a pub hang at the Flodge at the end, we encourage everyone to check out any of the sessions and maybe you'll learn something new. More details for this will be on the Women's Collective socials soon.

The University also responded to our feedback on their Student Sexual Misconduct Policy and Sexual Misconduct Reporting Procedures. Naturally, we will have to wait until actual changes are made to these policies, given that the response was quite vague, but we shall see about that relatively soon. We submitted quite rigorous feedback and if the University doesn't adopt our suggestions, we will continue to campaign on the need for reform in these policies regardless, and regardless of how Management feel about it.

We attended the EAG's Times Up for Corporate Uni protest last week and it was a great success! It was very invigorating to run around ABS, chanting with all the University officials around. Whilst we weren't able to get to Mark Scott himself, I think it was nonetheless a disruptive and effective action that we can hopefully build on in future.

Finally, we would like to give a huge shout out to End Rape on Campus and Fair Agenda for running such a strong campaign to force the Government to implement a Taskforce to combat, and end, sexual violence on campus and in student accommodation across the country. We hope they are successful in ensuring that this Taskforce is included in whatever final result the Higher Education Accord has, and it is especially impressive that they have managed to run such an effective campaign given the opaqueness of the Accord process and its determination to offer, and give, very little to students.

Discussion:

Iggy Boyd spoke to the report covering its main points.

Satvik Sharma asked how this report affect Labron [James]'s legacy

Iggy Boyd responded that the question was irrelevant, and she doesn't care.

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

Moved: Jordan Anderson

Seconded: Eliza Crossley

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Lia Perkins resigned the chair to Harrison Brennan.

03. Report of the Disabilities Officers

The Disabilities Officers have been busy organising a number of initiatives and Disabled Honi! We are looking at quite the edition and we thank our contributors and editorial team for their hard work so far. Our Disability and Higher Education Panel, featuring CYDA's Chloe Polglaze and Ebe Ganon and our very own Robin Eames will be at 6PM at Room S204 at the University of Sydney Quadrangle! So we very much encourage everyone to come along to hear from our panellists!

We're proud to say that the Disabilities Community Room will be launched on Week 12 together with our postgraduate counterpart SUPRA! We are working on a few backend administrative matters before launching it as it will only be accessible on a swipe card basis. We will be organising a launch event together with SUPRA so stay tuned!

Now, for a sombre turn, the final report of the Disability Royal Commission has been handed down by the Commissioners. It delivers more than 220 recommendations albeit in education, it focuses exclusively on early childhood, primary, secondary education, and segregated schools

rather than higher education where pockets of ableism exist -- we are concerned about the lack of post-18 education being included given the already lower university participation of disabled Australians and people. If you wish to learn more, we will have copies of the Final Report delivered to the SRC and the Disabilities Community Room, including Braille copies.

Our preselection meeting will be on Thursday 19 October 2023 so if you're interested, please come to us to learn more about the Officer and Convenor position!

Discussion:

Khanh spoke to the report and covered its main points and spoke about the upcoming Honi and the opening of the new Disabilities Community Room. Adding that the lack of action that happened from royal commission into deaths in custody, and how this is being seen in the current royal commission report into disabilities.

Jack Scanlan spoke about the full report of commission which the officers brought in today, and the recommendations held within. Adding that we need to look at these and fight for these issues especially, for those around segregated schools and the ability for people to move into tertiary education. Especially those with physical but not learning disabilities, who are put into these schools and do not have the opportunity to access education that allows them to gain access to higher education and spoke about the abuse and lack of opportunity that occurs in these segregated schools. Concluding that there is still a long fight to go and many campaigns in the future.

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

Moved: Victor Zhang

Seconded: Jordan Anderson

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Lia Perkins resumed the Chair.

04. Report of the Queer Officers

This September, we promoted a Radical Education Week panel organised by QuAC member Tim about queer rights and anti-discrimination law with Josh Pallas, president of the NSW Council for Civil Liberties.

We also took part in (and helped organise) the three-day ASEN training camp at Wollemi Common, in which we gained valuable activist skills and knowledge on topics such as transformative justice, dealing with traditional media, the far-right, solidarity between Black and Queer activists and reproductive labour.

We have also been hard at work planning the Trans Day of Resistance 2023 march & rally, which QuAC will be holding with NUS Queer and Pride in Protest.

Furthermore, we have been organising the distribution of supplies for the gender-affirmation supply drive, to recipients.

We have also been planning our sessions for Radical Pride & Consent Week, coming up in the next few weeks.

We also observed an anti-queer protest in the Sydney CBD, held by the so-called “Parental Rights Committee”. It saw a turnout of around 800 to 1000 people, once again using “parental rights” as a thin veil for queerphobia. The anti-trans moral panic continues to take hold in the underprivileged communities of Western Sydney and can only be addressed with mass-mobilisation for positive demands regarding trans rights and concrete material demands for the liberation of all workers.

We also helped organise a counter-action against another TERF event held in parliament by Katherine Deves and others, this time in federal parliament.

We are also planning a student contingent to the October 22nd CARR rally, with details to come shortly.

It is expected that the second reading of the equality bill will be held within the next month or two. Stay tuned for more information.

Discussion:

Jamie Bridge spoke to the report and covered the main points.

Ella Haid asked a question about a comment made in a EAG meeting

Shovan Bhattarai asked what Jamie’s criticism of leafletting was

Jamie Bridge said that it was about how the leafletting was done, not the act of it, adding that should have a conversation with someone not at someone.

Mikaela Pappou responded saying it didn’t answer the question.

Simon Uptis responded to the discussion saying that this has all been a euphemism for not liking Socialist Alternative [SA] adding that Jamie Bridge used this tactic during the SRC elections calling Socialist Alternative transphobes, and asked where has Jamie been all year on LGBTQI+ campaigning issues.

Jamie Bridge responded to the comment about building movements and said that the EAG was just bureaucrats.

Due to shouting in the room further comments were unintelligible.

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

Moved: Rand Khatib

Seconded: Tiger Perkins

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O5. Report of the Environment Officers

News:

- Hottest and driest September on record, bushfire emergency warnings across Australia.
- Bushfires destroyed homes last night, 5000ha fire burning down South Coast.
- Heatwaves will become more deadly with global warming, already 2% of Australians die from impacts of heat waves each year.
- Floods in New York, wettest September in 140 years, state of emergency declared.
- Emergency summit called on low level of Antarctica sea ice
- A Climate council analysis has revealed 740 fossil fuel projects have been waved through under Australia's main environment law.

Upcoming actions:

- October 9th Climate Rally, marching to Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek's office to protest her opening up of new coal mines and other fossil fuel projects. We are demanding stop fossil fuels: just transition, land rights not mining rights & fund bushfire services now.
- Climate Strike Nov 17, Cross Campus Enviro Collective contingent
- Rising Tide "The People's Blockade" in November.

Discussion:

Simon Uptis spoke to the written report and talked about the impact of the fires that are occurring in NSW already. Putting pressure on the government to take the climate crisis action on Monday. Adding that SA have been the only ones building this action, and that Grassroots don't care as they organised a BBQ at the same time and only changed it after backlash. When it comes to talking to students about activism Grassroots don't do anything, they just talk about it in collective meetings.

Maddie Clark spoke to the written report saying that as Environment Officers from SA we've been working all year to push for the shutdown of the Fossil fuel industry, and that should not be controversial. Adding that Yasmine Johnson spoke about the SRCs fence sitting and that's a really issue, we need to not look at a transition but a total shutdown. Continuing she said we want more support from Grassroots and NLS to build and join in on these actions so we get action on the climate crisis. Concluding her statements with that Australia is the worst contributor to this and we need your ongoing support to build these movements.

Satvik Sharma gave a verbal report, condemning the Albanese government for failing to control the weather and adding that he will push for net zero activism. Continuing Satvik said that he is going to fix the Fung Shui of this room and that he donated \$35 to a not for profit and encouraged everyone should join that organisation - the NSW young liberals. Concluding that we need to fix the climate by stopping the weather from changing every single day.

Shovan Bhattarai said that we are witnessing a period where things are on a bad footing, and with the Labor party in power it took with it a lot of hope that things will be addressed with lots of new fossil fuel project green being lit by the ALP. Asking how did we get to this point and how do we get out of it?

Lia Perkins resigned the Chair to Harrison Brennan.

Madeleine Clark responded saying it was a pivotal moment in the movement and we do need to look at the ALP coming in and their green washing, and their expansion of fossil fuel projects and the many organisation who have been soft on the ALP, and we need to have demand that are mobilising and there is more work to be done but that is the right step to continue to build this and it is the bear minimum.

Simon Uptis said that the rising tide blockage is a great opportunity for mobilising lots of people on mass, and mentioned getting busses to help people get up there adding that would be a great idea. Simon continued saying that these actions are being organised by a community group in Newcastle, an area very reliant on fossil fuel, but they are also calling for a national movement saying that we don't want to be reliant on these fossil fuels.

Satvik Sharma responded saying that the only thing we need to change in the climate is the climate of eastern avenue by getting rid of SA from Eastern Avenue. I'm here to destroy SA.

Thomas Thorpe asked how can we improve the environment?

Simon Uptis responded saying you get all the fossil fuel CEOs in a room together and then blow it up.

Satvik Sharma thanked Thomas Thorpe for the question and thanked him for his work as interfaith officer and especially with the Evangelical Union and Christian community and answered that you can fix the environment by using less paper, and that's why he has a net zero for collective funding in 2024 aim.

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

Moved: Shovan Bhattarai

Seconded: Jack Scanlan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Lia Perkins resumed the Chair

O6. Report of the Global Solidarity Officers

Last month we saw a glimpse of the climate catastrophe in store with devastating floods in Libya and now New York. Tens of thousands of people died in the floods in Libya, displacing thousands

more. The climate crisis is here and exacerbated by the expansion of fossil fuels. Our government is committed to putting the interests of profits for fossil fuel corporations over the environment and human life.

Global Solidarity officers, Jasmine and Deaglan, attended and organised a contingent to the rally to commemorate the 1 year anniversary of the murder of Mahsa Amini. We collaborated with the USyd Iranian society to promote this rally and build up this activist initiative. We have been able to use our small office to reach out to ordinary students and get them involved in activism by taking the first step of organising events that appeal to left wing students with a call out to get involved.

We have also been campaigning to support the Voice in the upcoming referendum. The debate has been dominated by the Liberal party and conservatives alike to whip up the racist No campaign. Racists like Peter Dutton claimed that the voice will “re-racialise Australia” and give indigenous people “special privileges”, Jacinta Price saying colonisation only had “positive impacts” on indigenous people. The president of the anti-voice group Recognise A Better Way, Gary Johns, said at a CPAC conference, “If you want a voice, learn English.”

It is important to take a stand against the racism of the No campaign and continuing the fight for indigenous rights. This is why we are building the protest, “Rally against racism: Yes to the voice!” taking place next Wednesday. With such a serious increase in open racist sentiment and direct attacks on indigenous rights, it is important that left wing people join the rally to take a stand, help build it and keep up the fight against the right.

Discussion:

Deaglan Godwin spoke about the strategy for the future, saying that SA have used this office this year to build activism on campus, talking about the actions and forum on Palestine, and did a lot more than the usual collective meetings that have been happening. Saying that it wasn't just an event that we put and people came, it was something where we went out and talked to academics, and put up posters and handed out flyers, and built the event. Adding that SA would like to not be the only ones doing this, and wanted others put a little more effort in to build activism rather than bureaucratic work. Concluding that SA got in touch with other student groups who were running things and helped them with that and we built companion events and more of this needs to happen.

Satvik Sharma gave a verbal report and wanted to show solidarity with Cooper Gannon and the new Young Liberals executive. Congratulations to Harrison Brennan, and solidarity with Labor and Rose Donnelly, saying sorry Rose lost, and read out a ChatGPT poem about Rose Donnelly. Satvik continued saying he has a passion for students and then made a joke about the 2021 January 6th Capitol riots in the US but making it about the SRC elections.

Cooper Gannon spoke about the Wollongong Uni student association elections and said that it was unfortunate that Rose Donnelly and anti-woke for SRC were not elected. Adding that members of parliament traveling were to Armenia and the defence tour occurring at the moment, and that he stood in global solidarity with the students harangued by SA on their walk on Eastern avenue.

Jamie Bridge responded saying doesn't the anti-woke for SRC candidate have a girlfriend in high school?

Cooper Gannon responded saying that Laura Strawbridge is an excellent person who stands for values that most people agree with, one of which is that when you are of an age that you can make decisions for yourself and has exercised that right and he would encourage everyone present to reflect on the way they attack other people's relationships

Satvik Sharma said that Laura Strawbridge is an excellent person and the most based highschooler.

There was a lot of shouting the in the council room.

Satvik Sharma was named

Procedural motion to move straight to a vote

Moved: Lia Perkins

Seconded: Jasmine Donnelly

The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

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

Moved: Aryan Ilkhani

Seconded: Cooper Gannon

The motion was put and **FAILED.**

07. Report of the Interfaith Officers

Thomas gave a verbal report:

- Spoke about the Evangelical Union's outreach earlier in the semester
- Spoke about love and justice speaking about racial and environmental justice and this can only be delivered through God.
 - When we see injustice we want to see justice occur but not matter what you do there will always be injustice and that only god has perfect justice
 - Christian faith presents opportunity, Jesus was unworthy or receiving punishment, but he took that punishment for all of us and we have to accept this faith and extended to everyone to accept that
 - Read from the book of Jude.

Procedural motion to not accept questions for this report

Moved: Lia Perkins

Seconded: Jordan Anderson

The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

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

Moved: Satvik Sharma

Seconded: Qiana Harvey

The motion was put and **FAILED.**

O8. Report of the Welfare Officers

Ella Haid

One of the most significant political events in September was the Greens' capitulation to the Housing Australia Future Fund on Sept 11. Despite all of Max Chandler Mather's criticism of the inadequacies of the HAFF throughout the year – the greens have now given up their one bargaining chip against Labor. Leaving all of their supposed "red lines" behind, they have sold out workers students and renters in order to preserve their own careers and their friendly relationship with the Labor party. First the climate bill, then the safeguard mechanisms, now the HAFF – in every instance of the Albanese Labor Government, the Greens have capitulated in the face of right wing pressure. It begs the question what the point of these people are, when they fail at every step of their own strategy. The Labor Party has now ticked off housing on their shopping list of superficial, tokenistic reforms – and the Greens have provided left wing gloss for it. The fight against the cost of living crisis facing workers and students is still on our hands, no thanks to those in parliament.

The Education Action Group will be organising a rally against the private student housing providers on Nov 3.

The referendum on the voice, coming up on October 14, is now set to lose after the Federal Labor Party started a culture war that they can't see out. This year has seen the right go from a cowering bunch to a loud and confident group, unreservedly bringing John Howard era racism back into mainstream politics. The likes of Warren Mundine, Peter Dutton, Jacinta Price and Pauline Hanson are quickly becoming the most successful white supremacists in the country. This development has set the mainstream politics on indigenous rights back at least a decade in Australia. When the referendum is defeated in a couple weeks, it will take a serious fight to fight back against whatever it is the right will now be confident enough to attack next, whether that is further attacking indigenous rights or any of their other projects such as the religious discrimination bill, attacking abortion rights and entrenching the rights of mining bosses.

Harrison Brennan

Congratulations to all on the recent election, it was great to see a massive campaigner turnout from all factions of the left.

Renters Union! I'm currently in a working group with student and non-student renters hoping to kickstart a renters union that can fight for renters' rights in a more mobilising and militant way than the Tenants Union currently. If people are interested, reach out!

This Sunday is the Housing Justice Summit organised by several groups, but primarily led by Action for Public Housing. Come along, in person or via zoom, and show your support. Our amazing Education Officer, Ishbel, will be speaking at the event.

I had an interview with 2SER Radio today, talking about the Opal Concession Card Campaign the SRC and SUPRA has launched. The fact that International and Part-Time students do not have access to opal concession cards is discriminatory. Currently, the parliamentary petition is at 2200 signatures, I would encourage all sign it. When Jenny Leong as SUPRA president brought forth a lawsuit against the NSW Government in 2006, they simply amended the ADA to avoid introducing concession opal cards for International students. Whilst the campaign for free public transport must continue, this campaign, if successful, would be an amazing achievement in the interim, giving students much-needed cost-of-living relief.

Discussion:

Harrison Brennan spoke to his report and spoke about disappointment at the capitulation of the Greens to HAFF saying this is terrible for renters and public housing tenants. And spoke about upcoming works.

Ella Haid spoke to her report and spoke about the Greens capitulation to the HAFF, and how this was terrible and has set back what we can achieve, for a while they stood out on this and then they gave up on it in favour of their own careers and their relationship with Labor. Adding that at every stage the Greens have upheld the Labor government, and the SRC should see this and stand against this. This means not only in fighting Labor but also calling out the Greens for their actions.

Gerard Buttigieg asked Harrison Brennan you call yourself a radical left-wing campaign but you're just taking a petition to the state government.

Harrison Brennan responded saying he was not suggesting that it was radical, but that this is about pushing for some tangible change and actions as well.

Ella Haid responded saying that Grassroots talks about the small things here and there, but that these small things means there's less action building bigger movements. We are trying to push that there is more we could be doing, not just an as well we can get these small things and we need to be focussing on the bigger issues.

Deaglan Godwin asked about the renters' union and pointed out that many of these organisations don't take an activist route and are just a legal and lobbying body. The renters' unions is one of these and the NUS campaign is the activist one and how is the tenants union different to get a room and what tangible outcomes does it.

Harrison Brennan responded saying this campaign can form people approaching to build a more militant and ongoing organisation and make sure that these issues are being fought and that people are trying to help bring people in and

Khanh Tran asked that given the state of the 'get a room campaign' and that it's only looking at public and social housing, this excludes international students and other groups.

Harrison Brennan we are looking at places like iglu and SUV who are extorting international student for all they have as well.

Ella Haid added that we need other groups to be involved when we have a campaign all year, we need to build from one campaign across to another. This question is pointless, and we've been calling out the disgusting rates of profit on student housing there and 'get a room' and we're leading a fight back against the cost of living.

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

Moved: Jordan Anderson

Seconded: Ishbel Dunsmore

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Procedural motion to bloc R8 and R14 together and to move the have R2 followed by R8 and 14, and R9 then R5 in that order, to be moved to right after the office bearer reports.

Move: Yasmine Johnson

Seconded: Mikaela Pappou

The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

In line with the regulation there was a break at 8:42pm

Quorum count called at 9:03

Meeting was found quorate

Meeting resumed at 9:05 pm

O9. Report of the Refugee Rights Officers

About 70 refugees remain in Papua New Guinea after being exiled there from Manus Island, after it was declared unlawful and shut down. These are people who sought asylum in Australia, but were sent to offshore detention and now have been sponsored by the Australian government to live in PNG, in what is basically a legalised human-trafficking deal. Last week however, 14 of these refugees were evicted from their homes in PNG, which is accommodation rented by the Australian government via contractors and subcontractors. However, most of these contractors haven't paid the bills for over a year, and the government is now refusing to accept responsibility for these people - many of whom they have tortured and left in precarity for over a decade now. 24 more refugees are being threatened with eviction by the end of October, and Labor is hiding behind the Morrison government's secret PNG deal from 2021 to relinquish responsibility over these people's welfare. The Labor government were the ones who first signed the PNG deal in 2013, they were

the ones who reopened offshore detention - they are the only reason these 70 people are stranded in Papua New Guinea in the first place - many of whom now without a roof over their heads. All of these people should be brought to Australia immediately.

In the US last week, Biden announced that the refugee intake cap will remain at 125,000 people a year - which has been welcomed by some NGOs and refugee advocacy groups. However, on paper this has been Biden's cap for the last 2 years, but only 25,000 refugees actually made it into America last year, and there has been nothing done to address the refugee crisis at the southern border with Mexico, aside from send in an extra 800 members of the National Guard down, making the total number of troops there now over 3000. They have declared states of emergency in some southern towns, setting up thickets of barbed wire to stop thousands of people coming in from Honduras, Venezuela, Haiti etc. Last Saturday alone, 9000 people crossed the southern border. The 125,000 cap is not enough - America is the richest country in the world, it could and should open its borders to all those seeking asylum there - many of whom are fleeing crises the US are in part responsible for creating anyway.

The complicity of both the ALP and the Democrats in these examples of racism, show how important it is that any fight to free refugees is one which clearly opposes both major parties. This is the strategy which Socialist Alternative have been arguing the SRC should adopt all year, and will continue to.

The refugee rights office will also be building and attending the upcoming Rally Against Racism in support of the Vote Yes campaign for the Voice to Parliament referendum. This will be a really important event to show that students strongly oppose the racism of the No campaign, which is only getting more virulent by the day. A No victory would mean emboldening racists and reactionaries like Jacinta Price, Pauline Hanson and a growing far-right, who are on the offensive against Indigenous people, as well as trans rights. They must be stopped, and left wing, anti-racist students need to show their support for the Rally Against Racism.

Discussion:

Annabel Pettit spoke about the SRC elections and how the arguments and actions of SA were vindicated in the results of the vote, and that it shows that it is time to take these actions and no more BBQs but actual action. The elections are over and now it's time to work. Adding that if you want to have an activist student unions you should be getting all those campaigners to come to every protest, and get them to bring 10 people along as well, not just 2 people, but actually grow the movement.

Satvik Sharma asked if Socialist Alternative did so well, then why did your percentage on council go down?

Simon Upitis noted that it actually went up a little.

Annabel Pettit asked Satvik Sharma how many councillors the Liberals got, and that Socialist Alternative got 9.

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

Moved: Shovan Bhattarai

Seconded: Jack Scanlan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

O10. Report of the Social Justice Officers

This month social justice officers Eddie, Keira and Julius have been campaigning on a range of social justice issues, mainly the upcoming Voice to Parliament referendum and the upcoming LGBT rights rally on October 22nd against the bigoted religious discrimination bill.

The no campaign against the Voice to Parliament, led by Dutton and the Liberal Party, is an atrocious development in Australian politics. The no campaign has opened the door for the revival of hard-right anti-indigenous racism into mainstream politics, with prominent no campaigners hailing the benefits of colonisation for indigenous people, rehashing racist tropes of indigenous people as violent and backwards and denying that racism exists at all in Australia - that the Voice would give "special privileges" to indigenous people thereby "re-racializing" the country. The threat posed by a no victory is not just one of the ideas it will normalise, but the reality that a no victory will put indigenous rights activism on the back foot. This threat has been recognised by certain "progressive no" campaigners such as Tareen Onus Browne who have since reoriented to support a yes vote as the thoroughly racist nature of the no campaign has become clearer. This is why we have been campaigning for the USYD Rally against Racism supported by the SRC and EAG to fight back against this racist tirade.

Another rally we have been campaigning for is the October 22nd LGBT rights rally to oppose the religious discrimination bill. Originally put forward by the bigoted Liberal Party, the Labor Party has shamefully revived this bill recently in order to appease the religious right in this country. The premise of the bill, that religious people and institutions are actually oppressed by LGBT people, is a laughable yet worrying backlash to the victory of marriage equality and general shifts in attitude around LGBT issues and an attempt to push back on the civil rights enjoyed by LGBT people. This comes at the same time as the far right around the world have honed in on trans people as their primary enemy, targeting them with legislation that limits their civil rights. In Florida this has opened the door for more brazen attacks on other oppressed people - school curriculums must now teach that slavery was a good thing as it gave slaves "valuable skills" that helped them advance their careers. This rally is a necessity for all left-wing people to attend as it is this kind of mass opposition to bigotry that is required to prevent the importation of Trump-ist politics to Australia and put the far right on the backfoot again.

Discussion:

Jordan spoke to the report and spoke about postering for the Voice rally next week and handing out on a booth for pre-poll and election day.

Julius Wittfoth spoke about the religious discrimination bill and how this reflects the growing push by the far-right who have made the LGBT+ community the ire of their attention. We have the

capacity and should be fighting on these and it shouldn't just be SA fighting on these issues, we've done this a lot and we've fought it and when the Liberals tried to move this bill there was public backlash and it made it poison. Concluding that it is a shame that the SRC hasn't been pushing on these campaigns as we need a serious fight back with so many things on the line.

Shovan Bhattarai asked for an assessment of the cause of activism and that SA has laid out a critique of Grassroots work, and that Grassroots calling themselves and radical activist faction while spending more of their time in meetings with management than activism. Right now on every front social justice issues are going backwards, and the strategy has been ineffective asking did Jordan Anderson agree with that assessment or do they think what's done has been fine.

Jordan Anderson responded saying that they think what Grassroots have been doing has been fantastic and I think this has been a sectarian disingenuous argument all night, and you are just acting as a mouth-piece for NLS.

Yasmine Johnson responded saying it's important that you take up this debate, looking at the state of the world and the SRC which has failed to mobilise students, do you really think the strategy is working, and will you continue you with that and will you continue to push that strategy

Jordan responded that they wouldn't be a part of it if they didn't think the strategy was working.

Madeleine Clark said that we've identified there is a difference in strategy, and Ishbel Dunsmore noted that too. Adding that what SA is saying that we want is everyone involved in building activism and not splitting off into sectarian campaigns.

Jordan Anderson responded saying that we've said the same thing all night and your whole argument is a sectarian one. Grassroots take an oppositional approach in meetings, we not agree with management in those meetings.

Cacophony ensued.

Julius Wittfoth responded to the debate and said it was ridiculous that when we are facing the rise of Howard era anti-indigenous racism...

Cacophony ensued.

Julius Wittfoth continued saying Jordan has just made an argument that without lobbying we have noting - which is extremely right-wing. Adding that that is the track record of Grassroots, and that SA are not sectarian we are imploring you get involved and join in on the ideas to engage people on these issues.

Sam Barry was named

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

Moved: Ella Haid

Seconded: Simon Upitis

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O11. Report of the First Nations Officer

Ben McGrory gave a verbal report:

- Since last month – preparing for the voice and the demonstration last month for the Voice and great to see bipartisan support
- Another thing Wednesday
- Supporting First Nations student,
- Getting support for special con for those working on the voice and
- Working with SUPRA on things as well
- Put in a student Life grant for a Voice Ball for something to look forward to after the 14th
- Trying to make sure that all First Nations students have support to get through the referendum and have some work coming up with that
- Thank ACAR for working on the Yes or No, Voice beyond the referendum and it was a great event.
 - The First Nations Officers across the University support many view and the progressive no vote, but we want people to speak up for the support they need.

Motion: that the report of the First Nations Officer be accepted.

Moved: Jasmine Donnelly

Seconded: Rand Khatib

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

R2. The SRC should actively campaign for a Yes vote to fight the racist No campaign.

Preamble

The confidence and open racism of the No campaign has only grown in recent weeks. In a National Press Club speech, Jacinta Nampijinpa Price denied that there were any ongoing negative impacts of colonialism, and claimed that the Voice would racially divide Australia. Tony Abbott took a similar swing against “separatism” and any recognition of the realities of the British invasion and colonisation of this country. These vile racist stereotypes, previously relegated to the margins of Australian political discourse, have been dredged up and aired by prominent No campaigners. The No campaign have even resorted to threatening key Yes leaders such as Thomas Mayo, with boxer Anthony Mundine challenging him to a boxing match.

This demonstrates that racism is still a key lynchpin of Australian conservatism, and that racist attitudes are widespread. Not every no voter is a hardcore racist, but many will have been convinced to vote no on the basis of apathy towards the issue of Indigenous rights. The No campaign has been able to push back on recent progress and on passive acceptance, and

embolden those who were recently too afraid to publicly voice these views. Political discussion about Indigenous issues has been dragged back years, something which will have broader consequences long past the referendum.

Left-wing organisations need to see combatting this right-wing NO campaign as one of their key priorities for the next two weeks. Student unions, trade unions, activist campaign groups, all need to raise awareness amongst left-wing people that this No campaign is gaining ground, and then we need to inspire people with the necessity to fight it. Not only should every progressive person vote YES, but they need to proactively campaign and push for a Yes vote. This is best done collectively. Collective action can give those on our side the confidence to stand up against racism.

Mobilising support for the Yes vote and against the racist right is a meaningful contribution to the longer term fight for Indigenous rights. Any sense of confidence and urgency that we can inspire in left-wing yes voters will help us in conveying the necessity of continuing the fight post-October 14. To rebuild an anti-racist movement in this country will mean looking to that section of the population who already agree with us, and arguing to them that real change will only come about through collective action. We know what this real change will also involve: an end to black deaths in custody, land rights not mining rights, and serious improvements in Indigenous welfare, healthcare and education.

That is why it should be the priority of all left-wing council representatives to endorse and promote the upcoming “Rally Against Racism: Vote Yes to the Voice” on October 11. We all need to be campaigning in our classes, amongst our friends and across campus for students to rally together to support the Yes vote. Voting for this motion means seriously putting into practice these building efforts.

Platform

1. The USYD SRC calls for all students to vote Yes in the upcoming referendum on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament.
2. The USYD SRC condemns completely the No campaign, and the vile racism it has unleashed against Indigenous people
3. The USYD SRC endorses the “Rally Against Racism: Vote Yes to the Voice” protest on October 11. All councillors and office-bearers are expected to help promote the event through their official and personal channels, as well as attend the protest.
4. The USYD SRC endorses the “Rally Against Racism: Vote Yes to the Voice” protest at UNSW on October 6.
5. The USYD SRC endorses the National Day of Action Against Black Deaths in Custody on October 7.
6. The USYD SRC recognises that the Voice to Parliament will do little to advance the rights of Indigenous people, and that we need to continue to fight for an end to black deaths in custody, for land rights not mining rights, and for investment in Indigenous welfare, healthcare and education.

Action

1. The USYD SRC will take a solidarity photo and share that on its social media with the text of this motion.

2. The USYD SRC will commit resources to promoting the Yes campaign and the October 11 rally on campus.

Discussion:

Deaglan Godwin spoke to the motion and how this is a serious discussion about the role the SRC can play in this pivotal moment. Right now, that means fighting the racism of the No campaign. There are not enough people calling out the racist tactics of the no campaign and instead focussing on 'respectful debate' when there can be no respectful debate when the No campaign is talking about how colonialism was beneficial. The question is yes or no, are you siding with the bigoted no or are you voting yes to defeat that. Yes alone will not do much for Indigenous people and more needs to be done and we need to start building that campaign now with this movement. We need to have this discussion about how to rebuild an anti-racist movement in this country.

Tiger Perkins agreed with Deaglan Godwin's comments and said that the Voice debate has turned into racist attacks, adding that it is important the SRC supports the Yes campaign, adding that we have been and need to continue to fight the racist No campaign. We need to fight mining companies, we need to talk about what happens after the referendum, we need to continue to be critical of the Labor party as there have been many opportunities to take action on these issues and they never have, it is sad that this is the only think the Labor party is choosing to do on Indigenous issues. Tiger Perkins added that he has some doubt that even if the referendum is successful it will still be largely ignored by politicians and that is they were really serious about Indigenous issues they would be taking action on Land rights around mining, on deaths in custody and on the removal of children.

Tom Williams spoke to the motion saying that many people are voting on explicitly racist grounds, and pushing this line because there is no opposition calling them out for it. It is important to recognise that this isn't enough which the apology was good and needed to happen, it wasn't enough. Adding that we need to say the Voice is in adequate, but that the racism of the No campaign will be used to create more abuse.

Eliza Crossley echoed the statement of Tiger Perkins and said that we need to support the Yes campaign and we need to continue this fight after the referendum.

Shovan Bhattarai spoke to the motion saying that we are seeing a brand of racism that hasn't existed since the Howard era, maybe parts of the Abbott years. Adding that we gone from having a serious debate on what should change be (such as change the date) too should Indigenous people even have the services they currently have. The No is a deeply racist campaign. It's not enough that we fight for a Yes vote, we have to do more in the next two weeks it is incumbent on us as left wing people to build this movement and we need to get out and make a clear argument and challenge the confidence of the No campaign and fill in where the official campaign won't stand against the racist rhetoric of the No campaign.

Rose Donnelly spoke to the motion saying that the SRC needs to look at themselves. We have not been building this campaign like we should have been, we've not pushed for it until now with only two weeks to go, we needed to have done more a long time ago. Nothing has changes in the last

two years, these racist voices have always been around on this issue and many people here have ignored them. It was always going to be a divisive fight, and everyone here knows this has always been a racist country and we should have been working on the yes campaign for ages and not just at the last moment, that's not how you win a referendum.

Tamsyn Smith said that Tigers comment on the inadequacy of the Yes campaign and the ALP was valid. Adding that we need to do more on this and push back at the right wing. The right has come out as so racist and the Voice needs a Yes vote to put a dent in the racist right. Adding that while the Voice is an inadequate body, that's not what is important here, voting Yes is about the the ongoing fight.

Hersha Kadkol spoke about the arguments from the right has really highlighted their racism. Adding that we need to push for Yes because it is the only way to defeat the right. Asking then who is setting the agenda of the No campaign, because it's not Indigenous people, it's the political right and those working with them are mistaken and preventing any progress from occurring. We need an actual fight back against the actual sources of racism in this country to create genuine change. The progressive no campaign has proven the invalidity of identity politics because who do you listen to? There is no way to know with identity politics and it can't create broad political change, we need to learn from this and take up the fight going forward.

Angus Dermondly noted that Rose Donnelly was correct in that you can't change the result in these 2 week and... [*Due to sound interference some content was lost*]

Ben McGrory spoke to the motion saying that during this campaign he has seen a lot of racism. A number of First Nations people have been bullied, sent death threats and had racist slurs thrown at them. It's not just the Liberals that are perpetuating these racist tropes it's people from all parties. We need to call out racism in all forms and support people who are working on this campaign. Adding a response to Angus Dermondly adding that the invitation to create the Voice was fist given to Malcolm Turnbull, and he rejected it then and supports it now. Outside the politics let's focus on the issues, every sound constitutional lawyer supports the Yes campaign.

Shovan Bhattarai replied to Angus Dermondly saying that his argument was all but a critical No position, and that this was not helpful at this point in the campaign and the it will not be the critical No that will win, only the racist No campaign will be emboldened by a No win. To build a proper anti-racist movement this will take a lot more time and the critical No argument isn't going to build that in the situation we are in today.

Moved: Shovan Bhattarai
Seconded: Deaglan Godwin
the motion was put and **CARRIED.**

R8 and 14 to be moved en bloc

R8. Fight racism: Vote Yes rally

Preamble:

The referendum has ignited and exposed the hatred and racism on the right of Australian politics. As a country, Australia refuses to acknowledge the atrocities of our past, particularly within the education system. Australia is largely ignorant of the historic and ongoing marginalisation of Indigenous peoples—termed the “great Australian silence” by W.E.H Stanner. The referendum has mainstreamed racist speech and rhetoric, giving a platform to groups such as Advance Australia that do not wish to give First Nations peoples constitutional recognition or a Voice to Parliament.

USyd Labor Left is organising a rally on campus in collaboration with various groups inside and outside the SRC, including: USyd Students Vote Yes, Artists for Yes, National Union of Students, Socialist Alternative Sydney Uni, Sydney Peace Foundation and Education Action Group. It is imperative the SRC concentrates its focus and resources on building support for a Yes vote on campus. It is the responsibility of the SRC to have positive conversations with students outside the SRC about the referendum and work together for this momentous opportunity for Australia.

Platform:

- The SRC acknowledges the damage a No vote will cause and will encourage all students to vote Yes in the upcoming referendum.
- The SRC believes in the upcoming 2 weeks, focus and resources should be devoted to activists campaigning for a Yes vote by signing up to Pre-poll, polling day, phone banking, and promoting the YES vote in any ways possible.

Action:

- The SRC will continue to promote the upcoming rally on the 11th of October “Fight Racism: Vote YES” physically and on social media.
- The SRC will promote events by Yes23, and post sign up links to events such as door knocks, phone banking, etc.

R14. Into Action: Support For Yes During Pre-polling & On Polling Day

Preamble

With the Referendum less than two weeks away, it is imperative that councillors and office bearers of this SRC continue to build for a Yes outcome in this referendum. A sizable portion of the population will *not* make up their mind until they are voting on the 14th of October or during pre-polling. It is **crucial** that we are present during pre-polling and polling day to demonstrate our commitment to Yes to sway these voters. Pre-polling will be open from the 3rd-7th of October, and from the 9th-13th of October from 0800-1800.

The Yes campaign will also still be operating phone banking and leafleting during pre-polling weeks. Phone banking will be operating from 10 am through to the evening every day at Town Hall House. Your help is needed.

You can fill in your availability for pre-polling & polling day here:

<https://forms.gle/axfjcDTcRQRqt3g59>

Let's get this yes!

Platform

1. The SRC reaffirms its commitment to Indigenous justice, acknowledging the injustice, violence, and institutionalised discrimination suffered by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia;
2. The SRC reaffirms its support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its commitment towards building for Voice, Treaty, and Truth;
3. The SRC reaffirms its support for a 'Yes' vote in the referendum.

Action

1. Councillors and Office Bearers will commit to volunteering for the Yes Campaign to ensure that the Referendum passes in ways including but not limited to: being stationed to campaign during pre-polling, being stationed to campaign on polling day, phone-banking, door-knocking, and leafleting;
2. Councillors and Office Bearers will commit to enlisting others to do the above.

Discussion of motions at the same time as moving en bloc:

Rose Donnelly spoke to the motion and highlighted that they are hoping that if we get out there we can turn the tide and that there is still a chance and join a pre poll booth and put up posters.

Victor Zang spoke to the motion saying he has already voted Yes, this morning. Adding that we know many people are still undecided and we need to be there to convince people and hopefully sway them to make this right decision. The Yes23 campaign is still leafletting, and we need to get the Yes vote.

Jasmine Donnelly said that we need to be having conversations in our communities and talk to everyone we think may be undecided to get the Yes vote.

Madeleine Clark spoke to the motions saying that the purpose of the Voice opened it up to the racist campaign we are seeing now, the debate happening now isn't about the role of the voice but if colonialism was a good thing. We need to talk to people who are voting No on a progressive basis, there will be no wins for progress with a no vote, this will only be a win for the racist No campaign only. Students are confused on this issue because of the progressive no campaign and we need to pushing for a united yes vote at this stage.

Mikaela Pappou spoke to the motion speaking about solidarity and the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and how we need to be standing up for this. Noting that there is only a week and a half left of the campaign and asked who has everyone here spoken to outside their faction on the issue, asked who had been phone-banking? Adding that she was glad people are coming onboard but that there wasn't this stance held a year ago when this needed to be happening, you've not only got a week and a half, if you've not done things till now, and this fails, this falls on you for not doing the work. It's not good enough to join in at the last minute. Concluding that everyone needed to look at what their definition of solidarity was, and if people were upset by these comments they needed to self-reflect.

Deaglan Godwin was named.

Simon Uptis spoke to the motions saying we need to have no illusions about who is responsible for the racist action of this country, it is the legal system, and it is the institutions. We should be doing now what the ALP is unwilling to do and calling out the racism of the No campaign. We've had people say they are ambivalent about the outcome, that it's not the most important, this is not true, the result is important and the left needs to fight for a yes.

Gerard Buttigieg commented saying the issue where is that NLS is more than happy to acknowledge the Legacy of the ALP, and there is no disagreement of Black deaths in custody and the continual failure to address this, this however is a movement brought to Australia from the indigenous community and this has been brought up, and we will continue to do both we will rally in the street but we will also fight to make sure that Indigenous people do not suffer the trauma after the referendum of a No vote. Talk to people and change the outcome.

Julius Wittfoth said that to suggest that Socialist Alternative don't take fighting racism seriously is wrong and that they were the ones coming to you to build this rally. It is disingenuous to say your part is taking intergenerational trauma seriously when it is the ALP locking up children and suspending human right to lock up Indigenous people. This started as a gloss of progressive so that Albanese could continue to blow up Indigenous sacred sites, and Albanese is the one unwilling to call out the racist no campaign for what it is.

Jack Scanlan spoke about the importance of phone-banking and also what is needed to win the Yes vote, and listed a number of locations where people should go to the polling stations to help out, which are marginal and need campaigners.

Shovan Bhattarai spoke to the motions and the debate saying that it needs to be clear that the worst fight about the Yes vote losing would be that it will embolden the far right and their racist rhetoric. Adding that because the ALP and Albanese proposed this to give themselves a progressive gloss while overseeing the destruction of sacred sites, locking children up, and overseeing black deaths in custody. No one has suggested that the Voice will deal with these issues, because the ALP doesn't take these issues seriously. Contenting Shovan Bhattarai said that it turns the ALP concede to the racist right, both conceding to the right and leaving their own to hang out to dry when they do call it out. The ALP are not our friend in this fight, they didn't think about the consequences of what this would mean to take this to the racist right, and they are going to try burry this referendum and they are going to give up. Concluding with we need to fight the right but the ALP is not our ally in this fight.

Ben McGrory spoke to the motions saying this debate demonstrates why we need the Voice, there have been a lot of non-indigenous people talking about what this means. Adding that Community gave this to the government and they've in turn given it to the people, but it was First Nations communities that asked for this to happen. Adding that we need to stop fighting each other and looks at what we are fighting for. The fight isn't over after the 14th, there's many more things to do. This is not just Labor that is pushing for Yes there are also Liberals for Yes, there are so many people involved not just political parties, we need to not fight here but get out into the communities and talk to people, and be a little nicer to each other here. The Voice is a modest proposal, or a symbolic one that can still be really important. Ben asked everyone to check in with the First Nations people they know and make sure they are ok in this time, and reminded

everyone to please be respectful and while he understood that this was a debate, it could still take a toll on people.

Deaglan Godwin spoke to the motions and said that the way this campaign has been run shows how it has ended up where it is. Asking if it was about a policy or respectability politics. The ALP has capitulated and when abuses have occurred it's not because they didn't know if it was racist, or wrong, they did it because they wanted to. 50 activists are not going to change the tide going to a phone banking session but we can on this campus to point out the racism of the No campaign and build a broader anti-racist campaign for after the referendum.

Victor Zhang said that whether or not you agree on the efficacy of the Voice, we need to turn out the Yes vote. Adding that after tallying up all the calls he had made since Monday it was 495, and that he would be on a prepoll station most of the week if anyone wants to be on one to come find him.

R.8

Moved: Rose Donnelly

Seconded: Jasmine Donnelly

R.14

Moved: Victor Zhang

Seconded: Rose Donnelly

The motions were put and **CARRIED.**

R9. Motion on the voice:

The USyd SRC recognises that

1. The voice as proposed in its current form is divisive, legally unsound and bad for the country, and as such condemns the voices
2. Acknowledges as per current polling, this is the opinion of most ordinary Australians, including young voters
3. Acknowledges it is not the SRC's role to get involved in this debate and that SRC money should not be spent on supporting the yes campaign.

Discussion:

Some parts of the debate were lost due to sound interference

Satvik Sharma spoke to the motion saying that the Voice is divisive and racist and that voting Yes would divide the country. Asking why the SRC would be funding the campaign when the SRC should be supporting student services and not a highly political campaign that does not help students. Concluding that everyone should support this motion and not fund the Voice Yes campaign.

Thomas Thorpe spoke to the motion and added that we've heard a lot tonight about how the people who support the No campaign are supposedly racist and could any of those saying that define racism.

Yasmine Johnson responded to Satvik Sharma and Thomas Thorpe's comments saying that you are advocating for the continued structural oppression of Indigenous peoples.

Thomas Thorpe responded saying that definition is about discrimination on the basis of race, which is what the Voice is trying to do by addressing inequalities of outcomes which does not necessarily the same as inequality of opportunity. There is no legal provision provided to one group that is not provided to indigenous Australians.

Annabel Petitt asked Thomas Thorpe if he lived on a welfare card which dictated how he could buy his food?

Thomas Thorpe responded saying that if you want to talk about the welfare state that's was another issues. Continuing he stated that the Voice treats one group of people differently just on the basis of race, which is racist. He then thanked Satvik Sharma and Cooper Gannon for their work as the Global Solidarity Officers this year. Concluding saying that saying that the Voice, by the definition of racism given earlier is a racist proposal.

Yasmine Johnson responded to the debate and motion saying that these are the racists we needed to fight in society, saying that if Satvik and Thomas wanted to talk about the division in society lets talk about the gap in life expectancy, which is 20 years younger of Indigenous people, or the rate of incarceration and lack of access to education. Adding that the Liberal party wants to entrench these divisions even further, that it was a disgrace and there needs to be a fight against these racists who want to drive First Nations people into the ground. All of those things are outrageous, the problem is these racist beliefs are spreading, and these myths about the voice and Indigenous people and these need to be strongly opposed to prevent them from continuing to root and spread.

Alex Duggan responded to the debate saying what head heard from Thomas was one of the most racist things he's heard at this university that while Thomas and Satvik want to talk about division, but Alex wanted to talk about the intervention and the suspension of human rights in the ... *[some content was lost due to sound interference]*. Adding that nothing has been said about the people who've said that colonialism and genocide in Australia was good during the Voice campaigns. This actually affects people, calls to the hotline for support have gone up, people are experiencing more racist abuse. Adding that this is why the far right went after Roe v. Wade to attack people and get a tick in their portfolio's

Max Pomarca spoke against the motion and noted that the liberals and movers of this motion have left because they are going to lose this motion so badly and they are doing nothing but making racist rhetoric arguments and should be ashamed. They are arguing for the continuation of the violence seen in deaths in custody, and the ALP wont event take on the racist arguments of the Liberals on the Voice and they are instead just pretending nothing is happening.

Gerard Buttigeig spoke against the motion.

Rose Donnelley spoke against the motion.

Amy Lamont spoke against the motion.

Jack Scanlan spoke against the motion and said it was pathetic of the libs for leaving and trying to pull quorum on their own motion. Adding that it shows how much they are still obsessed with their bosses views, I think that Satvik Sharma wouldn't be against the Voice unless Dutton said he was.

Ben McGrory responded to the motion saying it was ridiculous and showed a lack of understanding, of the Voice and of the history of the Liberal Party as well. The people who moved this are out of touch with their own voters and members, Menzies would be disgusted with the party today, Harold Holt would turn in his grave. We need to make sure that we do better, that we hear the voice of the people on the matter, I believe that most Liberals will vote yes on this. The movers need to have a little self-reflection and conversations with people in their own party. Adding that constitutional lawyers have said this will not be a constitutional issue, and the argument that this will have constitutional consequences to democracy is false and a lie. Ben also noted that Warren Mundine's daughter has come out for a Yes vote and Jacinta Price's mob have stood to oppose her on this issue. If you believe that Warren Mundine and Jacinta Price are representative of their communities, you are misleading people. Concluding that they believed that Australians will come to the table and vote yes, and there are many Liberals on campus who are supporting the Voice Yes campaign.

Moved Satvik Sharma

Seconded Thomas Thorpe

The motion was put and **FAILED.**

There was a quorum count at 11:11pm.

The meeting was found quorate.

The meeting continued.

Procedural motion to move R3. R4. R10. R11. R12 en bloc, and to be debated immediately

Moved: Yasmine Johnson

Seconded: Mikaela Pappou

The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

R3. R4. R10. R11. R12 to be moved en bloc

R3. Motion to Install Covers at Parramatta Rd Bus Stops

Background:

The bus stops at the Footbridge and Ross St Gate do not have any cover. Given the strong sun throughout the year, sometimes extended waiting periods, occasions of rain and considerable number of people who use these stops, bus stop covers should be installed at these locations.

Action

The SRC will:

- Pressure the university to request covers to be installed at these bus stop locations.

R4. Motion for a 'Faith Edition' of Honi Soit

Background:

This year Honi Soit has had multiple autonomous editions, such as those from the queer, indigenous and women's groups. Since Honi Soit is the student newspaper, and ought to print material in the interest of students, a faith Honi Soit, which would appeal to thousands of students on campus, makes sense.

Honi Soit has a history of counter-cultural journalism which looks to challenge the status quo in society. Given the animosity of the SRC, anti-religious views of the vocal campus left, and recent issues of Honi Soit taking aim at multiple faiths, a faith Honi Soit would definitely go against the student-political zeitgeist on campus and be counter-cultural for Honi Soit's usual editorial standards. Thus, it would satisfy this historical tradition of Honi Soit.

Action:

The SRC:

- Acknowledges the importance of catering to the desires of the student body which it represents
- Endorses a faith edition of Honi Soit to be published next semester
- Pressures the Honi Soit editorial team to have an autonomous faith edition published next semester

R10. Motion to Recognise Italy

Background:

Italy is recognisable as one of the most culturally influential nations throughout history. Notorious Italians such as Da Vinci and Michelangelo in art, the Polo's and Columbus with global exploration, Vivaldi and Bocelli in music, have shaped our world. Combine this with the engineering, economic and religious advancements of the Roman Empire, and it is clear that Italian culture is arguably the richest in history.

In 20th Century Australia, racial prejudice against Italians was prevalent. Racial slurs and differential treatment from people and state was the reality for Italian people. The endurance of Italian people through these times is a testament to their character.

In the 2021 Census, 4.4% of Australians nominated Italian ancestry. The Italian presence in Australia is so large that there is even an Italian senator to Australia.

Action:

The SRC:

- Supports the Italian government's pursuit of supporting God, family and country
- Acknowledges the historical discrimination against Australians of Italian origin
- Reveres the perseverance of Italian Australians through these difficulties
- Appreciates the positive cultural influence which Italy has had on Australia
- Endorses the reestablishment, and expansion, of the Roman Empire

R11. Motion about God

That the USyd SRC acknowledges God as the King of the Universe.

R12. Motion on based individuals

That the USyd SRC acknowledges, notes and endorses the fact that Bryson Constable, Satvik Sharma and Tom Cleary are extremely based and red-pilled individuals

R3., R4., R10., and R11.

Moved: Tom Thorpe

Seconded: Satvik Sharma

R12.

Moved: Satvik Sharma

Seconded: Cooper Gannon

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

R5. Support The People's Blockade in November!

Preamble:

From the 24th- 27th of November a "People's Blockade" of the Newcastle port, the largest coal port in the world, is being planned by Rising Tide. The SRC should support this action as an important step towards rebuilding a climate movement that demands the necessary cessation of fossil fuels.

The climate crisis is approaching catastrophic tipping points. This September was the hottest on record and already emergency warnings have been issued for Victoria, Tasmania and NSW as bushfires burn amid a total fire ban. Deadly climate disasters like bushfires and "silent killers" like heat waves will become more frequent and severe as global temperatures rise.

Instead of acting to stop these impacts, our government is continuing to expand fossil fuels. This includes coal, as shown by the Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek recently approving four more coal mines and looking to extend the life of Eraring, Australia's largest coal-fired power

station. In total, the 116 new coal, gas and oil projects planned by the Labor government is equal to 215 new coal power stations.

Fossil fuel emissions are responsible for global warming and they are increasing. If all 116 new projects go as planned it would triple the nation's emissions from 2021 - 2022, not counting exports. As the IPCC has repeatedly reported, fossil fuel use is overwhelmingly driving global warming and keeping the planet to 1.5C or 2C is contingent on us cutting these emissions.

Left wing students and unions should support the People's Blockade as an important action towards rebuilding a militant climate movement that calls out the government and demands what is needed. Actions like these have played a galvanizing and inspiring role in the history of social movements, bringing awareness to issues and encouraging others to join the fight. This is crucial considering that Labor's greenwashing has gone largely unchallenged by climate advocacy and lobbying organisations.

The SRC should support direct action protests and mobilize students to attend. It should also support the upcoming Cross Campus Environment Organising rally on October 9th, marching to Plibersek's office from UTS to demand an end to fossil fuels, land rights not mining rights and for the government to fund bushfire responses.

Platform

1. The SRC endorses the People's Blockade in November.
2. The SRC acknowledges the importance of protest and civil disobedience.
3. The SRC supports the climate rally on October 9th.

Action

1. The SRC will share the People's Blockade event and information to its social media accounts.
2. The SRC will print materials for the People's Blockade

Discussion:

Madeleine Clark spoke to the motion and on the greenwashing of the ALP and that this action is so important and needed to grow the climate action movement.

Tiger Perkins spoke to the motion saying that direct action forces people to pick a side and this event is going to be really great. The size of the event is going to be important, adding that what is the point of the environment minister when Tanya Plibersek is going to be opening more fossil fuel sites and make things worse and worse to safeguard a mechanism isn't going to help anyone.

Tom Williams spoke to the motion saying that this is a blockade involving thousands of people which is great in and of itself but for those far away are able to see that you are not alone and there is hope. Adding that the people attending and starting on this event are from Newcastle, Newcastle is very reliant on the fossil fuel industry but people and youth there have said no, this is our future and it's the future for everyone. I'm keen to go and encourage everyone here to get out there and block this coal port. Concluding that this didn't come from nowhere, the majority of Australians agreed we should stop Adani, that involved stopping coal trains.

Angus Dermondy said that it's all very well and good to jump up and down but it's not a strategy and not thinking about the politics, and the inability of rising tides inability to communicate with working class people that they are being called crazy as a result.

Lauren Finlayson responded to Angus Dermondy saying his perspective was really right-wing and to suggest that this is alienating when there are thousands of people getting out there and to say that it is bad is strange.

Moved: Maddie Clark

Seconded: Tiger Perkins

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

P. Special Business

There was not special business.

Q. Motions on Notice

Q1. SUPPORT OCT 22 PROTEST FOR LGBTI+ RIGHTS: DEFEND TRANS RIGHTS AND DRAG STORYTIME

Preamble

The far-right have been on an offensive against LGBTI+ rights internationally and in Australia. Far-right protesters have mobilised hundreds of people against drag storytime events across various cities, resulting in these events being canceled. Anti-trans campaigner Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshall alias "Posie Parker" went on a speaking tour around Australia, where she received support from those ranging from ex-Liberal MP Moira Deeming to a dozen neo-Nazis who flanked her event.

In federal politics, the Labor Party went into the last election pledging to see some version of the Liberals' Religious Discrimination Bill go into effect. More recently, the conservative right were given a free kick by the NSW Minns Labor government quiet passing of the Religious Vilification amendment to the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, which aims to strengthen the right that religious institutions already have to discriminate against LGBTI+ people by making 'religious vilification' an offense. This move represents a dangerous capitulation to the conservative right in this country, and its passing has been welcomed by the Liberal Party and various Catholic Church-affiliated organizations.

It is important that each of these attacks have been met with protests and resistance from the left.

There were protests against drag story time cancellations in Melbourne and protestors who successfully defended an event in Wollongong. Posie Parker's speaking tour was plagued by protests in every state she stopped at, with 5000 turning out in Melbourne to make a show of opposition to these measures. In Sydney, Community Action for Rainbow Rights led a lively

protest on August 5th against the Religious Vilification bill, and despite the bill passing through parliament, we must continue to keep up the fight for LGBTI+ rights.

Community Action for Rainbow Rights has called for another protest on the 22nd of October, which will be another important step in building the fight against these attacks on LGBTI+ rights.

Platform

- The SRC commits to fighting for LGBTI+ rights and resisting every attack on these rights
- The SRC supports the October 22 Community Action for Rainbow Rights rally

Action

- SRC Office Bearers and Councilors will share the event on social media
- Councilors and OBs commit to attending the protest
- The SRC will put resources towards building the protest

Discussion:

Julius Wittfoth spoke to the motion, and spoke about how people coming out and challenging the Nazis made the Nazis' run and hide, and we need to do more like this.

Jacob Mulholland spoke to the motion speaking about the importance of fight back for Trans rights and that we need to challenge the establishment who are continuing the oppression.

Moved: Julius Wittfoth

Seconded: Jacob Mulholland

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Lia Perkins called a quorum count

The meeting was found inquorate

The meeting Lapsed at 11:36pm.