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Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir

**Submission to the Effects of Graffiti
on Public Infrastructure**

Council is in receipt of your request for a submission to the Standing Committee on the effects of graffiti on public infrastructure and advice on policies and practices enlisted to deal with this problem.

Kiama Municipal Council does not suffer excessively from graffiti on public infrastructure by way of comparison to many metropolitan areas. However, the problem still exists and is treated seriously as an issue which detracts from the environment and presentation of the Municipality in general.

Council's policy is simple and provides for the fast and effective removal of graffiti when observed or notified by members of the community. Council has established a graffiti hotline number, where members of the public can report incidents of graffiti directly to Council and immediate action is taken to ensure its removal. A number of graffiti removal products are utilised by Council staff and in addition, Council engage graffiti removal contractors for special circumstances.

Council's Cultural Plan also provides for the identification of public infrastructure, which may be available to be used for graffiti art. Council is currently in the process of assessing appropriate sites for this to occur.

The fast and positive action which Council has adopted has been an effective way of discouraging graffiti artists from operating in our community. Council must however, remain vigilant to ensure these outcomes are ongoing.

Should you require any further information in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

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