

ASSYRIAN, ARMENIAN AND GREEK GENOCIDES (Formal Business)

Revd Mr Nils moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:

(a) on 5 May 1998, the Legislative Council passed a motion recognising and condemning the Genocide of the Armenians, and

(b) Assyrians and Greeks were subjected to qualitatively similar genocides by the then Ottoman Government between 1914 and 1923.

2. That this House:

(a) joins the Assyrian, Armenian and Greek communities of New South Wales in honouring the memory of the innocent men, women and children who fell victim to the first modern genocides,

(b) condemns the genocides of the Assyrians, Armenians and Greeks, and all other acts of genocide as the ultimate act of intolerance,

(c) recognises the importance of remembering and learning from such dark chapters in human history to ensure that such crimes against humanity are not allowed to be repeated,

(d) condemns and prevents all attempts to use the passage of time to deny or distort the historical truth of the genocides of the Assyrians, Armenians and Greeks, and other acts of genocide,

(e) recalls the testimonies of ANZAC prisoners-of-war and other servicemen who were witness to the genocides of the Assyrians, Armenians and Greeks,

(f) recalls the testimonies of ANZAC servicemen who rescued Assyrians, Armenians and Greeks genocide survivors,

(g) acknowledges the significant humanitarian relief contribution made by the people of New South Wales to the victims and survivors of the Assyrians, Armenians and Greeks, and

(h) calls on the Commonwealth Government to condemn the genocides of the Assyrians, Armenians and Greeks.

Question put and passed.