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REQUEST TO USE HYDE PARK NORTH ON 13TH AUGUST 2006

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To Claudia Calabro

The purpose of this letter is to request the use of Hyde Park North on 13th August 2006 between 2:00pm to 6:00pm. The intention is to use the park for the conclusion speeches of the Same Sex Marriage National Day of Action.

The Same Sex Marriage National Day of Action is a demonstration to commemorate the passing of the 2004 bipartisan legislation that formulated the same sex marriage ban. This is an annual event held to raise community awareness on the inequity of this legislation and the effect that it has on real same sex families as well as informing everyone of the progress being made in Parliament on this issue. Speakers for the event usually include a range of queer rights activists and politicians including Clover Moore.

The parade route will be the same as last year. The protest will leave Taylor Square and head down Oxford St until it reaches the intersection of Oxford St / Wentworth Ave / College St where it will turn right into College St and proceed down College St until it momentarily reaches St Mary's Cathedral. Once at St Mary's Cathedral it will turn left entering Hyde Park concluding at the Archibald Fountain.

We therefore are putting this formal application to use Hyde Park, North as a venue for the concluding speakers. This would involve having the lead truck park at Archibald fountain and would also involve a food stall being set up with its own generator to cater for the event. In addition to this there will be a tarpaulin set up for the purpose of conducting a number of commitment ceremonies. There will be speakers addressing the crowd of an expected 2,000 people over a PA system from the truck and there will also be performers to conclude the event.

This is a major queer rights event run on a non-profit basis and we would therefore hope that like last year we would not be charged for the use of the park. Please do not hesitate to contact us (0438637037) if there are any questions you have regarding this application.

Signed:

(Simon Margan)