

# Δήλωση Υφυπουργού Εξωτερικών, Γιάννη Αμανατίδη, για τον εορτασμό της Κοίμησης της Θεοτόκου και για την Παναγία Σουμελά

Η Κοίμηση της Θεοτόκου εορτάζεται και φέτος από τους Έλληνες σε κάθε γωνιά της υφελίου με λαμπρότητα.

Οι απανταχού Πόντιοι, διατηρώντας τις αρχέγονες παραδόσεις των Ακριτών, απονέμουμε την προσκύνηση στην Παναγία στο Όρος Βέρμιο, όπου μετά τον ξεριζωμό και την γενοκτονία θησαυρίζεται η Ιερά εικόνα της Σουμελά.

Θα ήθελα μαζί με τις θερμές ευχές μου ενόψει της μεγάλης εορτής να μεταφέρω την ελπίδα, ότι του χρόνου οι Πόντιοι θα μπορέσουμε να γιορτάσουμε το Πάσχα του Θέρους και στη Μονή της Σουμελά στον Πόντο, όταν θα έχουν πλέον ολοκληρωθεί οι εργασίες αναστήλωσης της Μονής.

Seven News Central  
Central, PO Box 777,  
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Officer in Charge  
Re: Olympic Games

Mbl: 0412105052

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing this letter on behalf of the NSW Intercommunities Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia which represents 30 Parishes and Communities, to express my disappointment against your journalists: Mr McAvaney and Mr Glaze of the unprecedented comments they made which proves their lack of historical knowledge.

The comments were as follows:

"When the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) was entering the Olympic stadium that its King Phillip B, father of Alexander the Great was one of the first winners of the Olympic Games." May I point out to the above gentlemen that they are right in saying that King Phillip B was an Olympic Games winner but the Macedonia of that time had nothing to do with the present so called Macedonia. (FYROM)

Only people of a Greek background were allowed to take part in the Olympic Games. In every historical book we read of the Greekness of Alexander the Great and his father and how they spread Hellenic Civilisation. We also hear in the two Hollywood movies: 'Alexander the Great' and 'Alexander' calling his Macedonian soldiers to go forward and fight for the **glory of Greece**.

Could you please advise your journalists to correct their misinterpretations for any future broadcasts? Furthermore, I suggest that they improve their historical knowledge.

Yours sincerely

Peter Theo O.A.M.  
President N.S.W. Inter-communities  
Council of the Greek Orthodox  
Archdiocese of Australia

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Keep NSW Safe spokesperson Vic Alhadeff (centre) and members of Keep NSW Safe issue a statement calling on the State Government to overhaul the race-hate legislation.

## Keep NSW Safe issue a statement calling on the State Government to overhaul the race-hate legislation

The Keep NSW Safe coalition of communities is urging every member of the Greek community to send a letter to their state Member of Parliament urging the state government to overhaul the state's race-hate legislation.

About 35 ethnic community leaders gathered at State Parliament last week to issue a statement urging the government to honour its public commitment to introduce legislation (in the first half of 2016) to address the fact that Section 20d of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act is ineffective. Not a single person has been charged under the law since it was introduced over a quarter of a century ago. "The law is weak and ineffective, and it needs to be overhauled in order to protect the people of NSW," Keep NSW Safe spokesperson Vic Alhadeff said.

"All you have to do is go to [www.keepnswsafe.com](http://www.keepnswsafe.com) and type your name and post code, and a letter will automatically be sent to your MP and the Premier.

"The government won't change the law unless it hears from the people of NSW - which means every member of the community. We urge everyone to do it, tell your friends and family to do it and like our Facebook. Every letter can make a difference."

The statement which the coalition of communities issued was signed by 20 organisations, from Armenian, Hellenic, Indian and Chinese to Hindu, Korean, Assyrian and Vietnamese.

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