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Geoffrey Lee
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Russell D. Grove
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The Petition of certain citizens and residents of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House that:

The NSW Education Department is introducing a *Confucius Institute* within the department and *Confucius classrooms* in state schools to teach Chinese language and culture.

The *Confucius classrooms* are funded by and under the direct jurisdiction of the Chinese government (aka the Chinese Communist Party) through its Ministry of Education.

The *Confucius classrooms* will not allow discussion of topics "sensitive" to the Chinese regime such as Tibet, Taiwan, Falun Gong or the Tiananmen Square massacre.

What our teachers teach our children and what values are upheld in NSW schools should not be determined by foreign governments.

The teaching of Chinese language and culture is welcome in NSW schools, but it should be available free from the influence of Chinese Communist Party doctrine and censorship.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to:

1. Act to remove *Confucius classrooms* from NSW schools and replace them with an Australian-run organisation.
2. Ensure the curriculum of any Chinese language or culture courses in NSW schools are free from Chinese Communist Party censorship and propaganda.

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