



# Robyn Preston MP

Member for Hawkesbury  
Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly  
Shadow Minister for Mental Health and Medical Research  
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### DESECRATION OF HYDE PARK ANZAC MEMORIAL

Shadow Minister for Veterans, Robyn Preston MP, has called on the Labor Government to address the vandalism of the Hyde Park ANZAC Memorial Pool of Reflection which occurred on Tuesday evening.

Red dye was thrown into the Memorial Pool during a protest rally on Tuesday, showing complete disrespect for the sanctity of this pool and the veterans and Defence personnel for whom this memorial was built in honour of.

Ms Preston used Parliament today to strongly condemn the desecration of the Hyde Park ANZAC Memorial Pool of Reflection on Tuesday evening.

Ms Preston said that service personnel fought and died for the freedom to protest in this country, but this freedom should not extend to the vandalism of ANZAC Memorials.

Ms Preston said “The NSW Government must ensure that this desecration is never repeated. We respect the right for people to make their voices heard, but this Government must step up its efforts to ensure protestors don’t damage property or intimidate the community.

I am calling on the Police Minister and the Minister for Veterans to protect our ANZAC memorials,” Ms Preston said.

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