The Petition of the undersigned citizens of New South Wales.
Brings to the attention of the House:

- the Hills Centre has been an important and successful facility in the north west of Sydney for the last quarter century,
- the Government intends to demolish the Hills Centre in the very near future,
- the local community does not want the Hills Centre demolished
- the Hills Centre hosts more than 120,000 people a year.
- almost all schools in the Hills area and North Western Sydney use the Hills Centre in some way,
- the Hills Centre is also used by many local community groups, including for Indian and Sri Lankan cultural events,
- it is the only theatre of its kind in Australia,
- the Centre has 1678 seats, and the next largest venue in the Hills can only seat 500
- the Hills Shire Council has said it will not replace the Hills Centre,
- the Hills Centre would cost more than $70 million to replace,
- in the last three years those using the Hills Centre have paid $100,000 a year to council and performances have doubled, and
- the closure will mean a loss of not only a performing arts centre but of open spaces surrounding the centre

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to stop the demolition of the Hills Centre immediately.

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