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Guidelines on Identifying Unacceptable Behaviour – Rallies, Protests and Encampments

1. Freedom of Speech, as supported by Section 35 of the *Western Sydney University Act 1997* and outlined in the University's *Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom Policy*, will be upheld, allowing individuals to conduct a peaceful rally.
2. The safety and wellbeing of students, staff, and visitors across all Western Sydney University campuses are of the utmost priority.
3. The following types of behaviour would be considered unacceptable:
    a. Hate speech or offensive behaviour towards individuals or groups based on their nationality, religion, or identity.
    b. Any rally, protest or similar conducted inside buildings. No buildings are to be accessed by participants otherwise it will be deemed as trespass.
    c. Encampments
    d. Any activities (including rallies or protests) that disrupt or impact:
        i. the University's core activities – research and learning
        ii. the University's operations
        iii. the ability of staff, students or visitors to participate in activities or make appropriate use of University facilities. Blocking entry and exit points of buildings is not permitted.

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