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I support this inquiry regarding racial vilification and hate crimes that would improve the lives of all Australians regardless of race or religion because I am a born and raised Australian of Chinese descent and have experienced many situations where I believe I was treated unfairly because of my physical racial appearance. One example was when I was a teenager working in a supermarket, a man came up behind me, punched me in the back of my head, and then walked away. This was an unprovoked physical assault. On another occasion at a traffic lights intersection I witnessed an elderly asian man walking across the road when the pedestrian lights turned green, when the pedestrian lights started flashing red and the man was still walking, a car that was waiting for him started yelling obscenities at him.

Even though there was no direct racial language used in these examples, I believe them to be racist incidents as I have learnt throughout my life experiences to distinguish this. There are people who tend to have less empathy towards others of non-caucasian descent, the media partly to be blamed for this, and can disguise their racists attitudes by treating non-caucasians worse without actually using 'racist' language but that I would still consider racism.

People with racists beliefs can hide their beliefs when out in public, and they know this, but Asian people cannot hide their appearance.

I also believe there should be more education on multiculturalism in this country in schools and in media.

Thanks for your time,  
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