

Let me start with my personal experiences since last year (2020):

I have been called, "You lazy Asian! Go back to where you come from" by an elderly white man in a public car park. There were no cameras in the car park to record the incident.

In a shopping centre, a white man deliberately came up to me and he sneezed and coughed on me. Another time, when I was shopping at a Chinese grocery store, a white mother brought two children into the store, she pointed randomly to grocery items and saying loudly to everyone, "This must come from the lab" and "This has COVID virus from China." This mother also refused to use the Qld Sign in App at the store. She said "I don't need to do that." Even though this is a mandatory direction from the QLD Chief Health Officer (CHO) to do so.

While going for an evening walk, a young white girl (7-8 years old) deliberately coughed and sneezed in my direction as I walked pass her and her mother.

When I walked into a shopping centre, a white man yelled to me, "You are wearing the mask of the beast."

I have been accused of being a "Communist party of China" agent simply because I pointed out that it is wrong to suspect and accuse every Chinese in Australia of being a foreign agent for China, or if anyone had anything positive to say about China or the Chinese.

All of the above incidents happened in public spaces. However, under the current laws, none of these people have been held accountable for their behaviours and actions. The current laws do not provide adequate deterrence against vilification and discrimination, and the current laws do not adequately protect people against vilification and discrimination. There is no clear pathway for reporting such incidents at a local level – what can the police do ? These perpetrators were all strangers – they ranged in age from children to adults to the elderly which is genuinely concerning. **Were this to continue, extremist views, terrorism and white supremacists have fertile ground to manifest domestically. These people do not know me. Their vilification of me is purely because of my physical appearance, that I look Chinese, and they were all white "Aussies".**

I hesitate to call them Aussies as I think that they are a disgrace to all Australians.

Ever since Trump kept on referring to COVID19 as the China virus, there have been a marked increase in vilification and aggressive incidents against people of Chinese and Asian appearances in Australia. I have several friends who have had similar experiences to me – they been called derogatory names in public, they have been physically assaulted (pushed) and some have been spat at, absolutely disgusting.

The law should apply to every person in Australia without exemption. In fact, public officials, elected ministers, judges and other officials of the judicial system must be held to higher standards of transparency and accountability, instead of having exemptions. The fact in 20201 is this – most ministers, judges and public officials in Australia are white. It is unlikely that their families have been personally affected or have been victims of such vile behaviours and accusations. Thus, this issue must be brought to the forefront so that we are all truly in this together.

Another organisation that the laws must target is the Media and News channels. These organisations must be held to account – their use of provocative language and terms, presenting political anti-China opinions as if they were facts, presenting rumours and opinions as if they were facts, and trivialising vilification incidents. **If the Australian media is allowed by our government to continue to be America's propaganda agent, continuing to spread racism and fascism, including Trump's views, then Australia will risk having Asian/Chinese holocaust events. There will be no freedom of speech.** White Australia is in our nation's history, and it is rearing its racist and fascist head, again. No foreign interference or foreign agents are necessary as our own Aussie media has been doing their job for them.

Our nation's leaders have been too slow in publicly condemning such disgusting behaviours. They have also not continued to publicly condemn such abhorrent and illegal behaviours. They should!

I recommend that the new laws must be given lots of publicity over an extended period of time (18 months at least). I recommend that a 'Multicultural Public Safety Enforcements officer' be appointed at a Senior Level and be given adequate resources (personnel) to oversee this entire matter – including streamlining public reports and complaints systems, carrying out publicity, coordinating investigations, publicising results of investigations and the penalties given out. Furthermore, include this officer whenever the Premier and the CHO makes public COVID related announcements as these illegal incidents are as concerning as the number of COVID positive cases and deaths, and as important as the number of people vaccinated. The Qld government must give this matter high priority.