



CHINESE COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Submission to the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee Inquiry into Serious Vilification and Hate Crime

Dear Legislative Assembly,

Chinese Community Crime Prevention Consultative Committee (CCCPCC) writes to submit our recommendations to the prosed legislative reform regarding "Serious Vilification and hate crime".

We have conducted a community survey and our committee has conducted independent interviews with community members for the purpose of obtaining their views relating the subject reforms and racism in the community.

Given that CCCPCC works closely with the Queensland Police Services (QPS), we have also cover topic specifically relating to the reporting process.

It is our findings that most of the community has experienced racism, serious vilification and hate crimes in their living in Queensland and Australia. The community does not have sufficient understanding on this topic. Most of them felt that the law must be inadequate, and more concerning is their view that the QPS perhaps has no knowledge or very limited power in handling such conducts. That lead to the fact that a significant number do not believe reporting to QPS is helpful and concerned reporting to QPS may even resulted in revenge conduct.

Therefore, CCCPCC recommends the law must be reformed and addressed the following areas:-

1. The reform must vest more power to the QPS to perform investigation and prosecution.
2. The reform must ensure adequate training is provided to QPS to ensure the QPS as the law enforcement understand and appreciates the significance of the reform and the law.
3. The reform should allow for more serious penalty for more serious or repeated offences. Any form of assaults should be considered as a form of more serious offence and imprisonment should be the minimum penalty.
4. The reform should also introduce penalty for relatively more minor offence.
5. The reform must cover online abuse or display of hate material. QPS should be vest with more power to investigate and collect evidence.

6. It is our recommendation that we should not rely upon the operation of the Anti-Discrimination Act as our primary legislation in preventing racism, rather, our recommendation is to reform the Criminal Code Act to allow for investigation, arrest and more serious sentence for offence with racial motivation.
7. The reform should also aim to provide a series of public education campaigns to ensure the intention is loud and clear to the community that the Queensland Government sees multiculturalism as a core value of Queensland, any racism is not tolerated in Queensland.

In conclusion, CCCPCC support the legislative assembly to reform the existing law against vilification and hate crime. We believe the current law is seriously inadequate in all aspects. We would be appreciated in participating in all future discussions relating to such reforms, including the committee hearings otherwise, please accept this as our formal submission.

Your Faithfully,



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