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The Singaporean community by and large have not experienced recent incidents of vilification and hate crimes although there were isolated incidents at the start of the pandemic in March 2020.

While there were no overt displays of aggression, some have reported the feeling of negative vibes against them, something which can be quite difficult to pin point unless one's a recipient.

However, a recent case deserves mention for which I'm appending the feedback verbatim below from a Singaporean-Australian of Chinese descent:

*" On Friday 25 June 2021, I was at the Mt Ommaney Shopping Centre and walking towards my car at 12.45pm when I heard the words "[REDACTED] Chinese" said by a man coming from the opposite direction.  
A man and woman of about 50 plus years of age and of Indian sub-continent descent walked towards and past me. The man again said "[REDACTED] Chinese" ( but dared not look at me). They then scurried away from me.  
They were wearing blueish clothes and headed towards the direction of the block housing the National Australia Bank and Commonwealth Bank of Australia.  
I was shocked and saddened that such an incident could occur in a civilised society like ours. I would appreciate if you can bring this incident up to the Queensland Police Force."*

It's unfortunate that the pandemic blame game has adversely influenced members of other ethnic communities. This is a time for unity and solidarity against this outbreak. It does not help for us to turn against one another.

It is perhaps timely for Community Leaders to unite and send a clear and unequivocal message to their respective communities that we should all disrobe our prejudices and judgementalism and embrace one another as Australians regardless of race, language or religion.

Thank you for this invaluable exercise. We stand ready to assist and support any initiative you may plan to implement on conclusion of your deliberations.

With best regards.

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