

# AUSTRALIAN HATE CRIME NETWORK

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### Gay and Transgender hate crimes between 1970 and 2010 - Final report

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The Australian Hate Crime Network (AHCN) welcomes the findings and recommendations of the NSW Legislative Assembly's 'Standing Committee on Social Issues' Final Report of the Inquiry into 'Gay and Transgender hate crimes between 1970 and 2010' which was released this week.

We note that the Report supports many of the recommendations proposed in the AHCN submission.

Professor Gail Mason, Convenor of the AHCN, stated "it is pleasing to see that the Inquiry acknowledged that victims of gay and transgender hate crime often carry enduring physical, mental and emotional trauma as a result of their experiences. This is an important first step."

"We applaud the recommendation to ensure that adequate victim support services are made available and to provide funding and resources to third party organisations engaged in direct client services."

"We fully support the recommendation to establish a judicial inquiry into unsolved cases of suspected gay and transgender hate crime deaths." Mason added, "We also support the need to prepare police for recognising hate crimes."

This Final Report is a vindication of the many cries for help by victims of Gay and Transgender hate crimes over the decades.

The AHCN supports all the recommendations outlined in the Report and stands ready to assist in whatever ways it can.

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