



Inquiry into Gay and Transgender hate crimes between 1970 and 2010

Terms of reference

1. That with reference to the May 2018 report of ACON *In Pursuit of Truth and Justice* and the progress made by NSW Police through Strike Force Parrabell, the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquire into and report on the response to Gay and Transgender hate crimes between 1970 and 2010 and current developments in policy and practice in relation to such crimes, and in particular:
 - (a) the violent crimes committed in New South Wales between 1970 and 2010 where the victim of that crime was a member of the LGBTIQ community and where the relevant crime was the subject of a report to the NSW Police Force, including:
 - (i) whether there existed impediments within the criminal justice system that impacted the protection of LGBTIQ people in New South Wales and the delivery of justice to victims of LGBTIQ hate crimes and their families, with reference to case studies of particular matters including but not limited to Alan Rosendale, Scott Johnson, John Russell and Ross Warren,
 - (ii) to the extent that past impediments are identified, how effectively these have been addressed by current policy and practice,
 - (b) in relation to LGBTIQ hate crimes more generally:
 - (i) what role the so-called 'gay panic' defence played in the culture of LGBTIQ hate crimes between 1970 and 2010, and
 - (ii) how the so-called 'Gay panic' defence impacted the delivery of justice and the treatment of Gay men during LGBTIQ hate crime investigations and court proceedings, and
 - (c) any other related matter.
2. That the minutes of proceedings, evidence, all papers, documents, reports and records received by the Standing Committee on Social Issues during its inquiry into Gay and Transgender hate crimes between 1970 and 2010 in the previous parliament, be referred to the Standing Committee on Social Issues.

Committee membership

The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	The Greens	
The Hon Ben Franklin MLC	The Nationals	
The Hon Rose Jackson MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Taylor Martin MLC	Liberal Party	
Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC	Christian Democratic Party	
The Hon Mark Pearson MLC*	Animal Justice Party	
The Hon Natalie Ward MLC	Liberal Party	

* The Hon Mark Pearson MLC is a participating member for the duration of the inquiry.