



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO GAY AND TRANSGENDER HATE CRIMES RESUMES**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**1 November 2019**

The Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Social Issues will resume a historic inquiry into Gay and Transgender hate crimes that occurred between 1970 and 2010.

The Legislative Council's decision to re-open the committee's investigation was prompted by a recommendation made in the committee's first report, tabled earlier this year, which recommended that the inquiry be re-established after the March 2019 State Election to ensure that the committee had adequate time to take further evidence, particularly from people in regional and rural areas.

The Hon. Shayne Mallard MLC, Chair of the Committee, said: "The decision to resume this important inquiry will ensure that the committee can speak to as many people as possible about the gay hate crimes, bashings and murders that took place in the past and, in some areas, still continue today."

Mr Mallard continued: "Early next year, the committee expects to travel across regional New South Wales, including to the Far North Coast, the Central West, Wollongong and the South Coast and Sydney. We are particularly interested in evidence that speaks to any contemporary or policing issues."

The committee will also continue to examine a range of case studies, including those relating to the crimes committed against Alan Rosendale, Scott Johnson, John Russell and Ross Warren.

The committee welcomes submissions from all stakeholders, particularly those members of the LGBTIQ community who have experienced hate crime, and the family and friends of those victims.

Submissions can be made via the committee's website until Friday 31 January 2019, with hearings expected to take place from late March 2020.

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the [website](#).

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