



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES

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### INQUIRY INTO GAY AND TRANSGENDER HATE CRIMES - UPDATE

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Standing Committee on Social Issues continues its inquiry into Gay and Transgender hate crimes between 1970 and 2010, with a revised timeline for its activities.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Shayne Mallard MLC, stated: 'Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, the committee has reviewed the inquiry's activities and extended the timeframe for the inquiry. This includes reopening submissions until the end of April to provide further opportunity for people to contribute to the inquiry.'

'The committee invites members of the LGBTI community who have experienced hate crime, the families and friends of victims, media representatives, and former health workers and police officers, as well as other interested parties, to make a submission if they have not already done so,' said the Chair.

The Chair continued: 'In addition, given the current restrictions on public gatherings, the inquiry's hearings have been postponed. However, we are seeking to maintain engagement with stakeholders and are therefore working towards conducting our first hearing at the end of May, in light of the opportunity for committee proceedings to be conducted electronically at this time.'

'Of course, the committee acknowledges that these are uncertain times and holds the health and safety of all inquiry participants and members of the public paramount. The committee will continue to monitor the situation closely and review its activities accordingly.'

Submissions can be made through the committee's website, by email or by post until **Thursday 30 April 2020**. Further details of hearings will be published online as they become available.

For more information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the committee's [website](#).

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