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INQUIRY INTO PARTIAL DEFENCE OF PROVOCATION

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Dear Committee Members,

This submission is in regard to the Legislative Council Select Committee on the Partial Defence of Provocation.

I, among other Australian and International people, absolutely oppose the use of a "gay-defense" legal mechanism in the law. This archaic clause can be wrongly used to justify crime against crimes against both homosexuals and non-homosexuals, and should therefore be removed from the law.

I find it extremely disturbing that a murder committed against a person with homosexual orientation, can be lessened by the suggestion that it was caused from gay provocation. This absurd loop-hole in the law needs to be removed promptly to ensure that all members of the New South Wales community can be treated equally under the law.

Regards,