

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO GAY AND TRANSGENDER HATE CRIMES
BETWEEN 1970 AND 2010**

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My name is David McMahon, I am 53 years of age

In December 1989 I was living and working in Bondi Beach. I lived on Campbell Parade at the north end of Bondi Beach, very close to the Bondi Icebergs Club. I was walking on the path way between Bondi Beach and Tamarama, which is a well known beat. Whilst jogging on the pathway, I came across a group of young adults aged between 17 and 24, they asked me for a cigarette, which I said I don't have any and proceeded on my jog.

I thought to my self I will come home a different way, which I did. I then was surprised when the group came out from behind a large boulder and assaulted me very badly where I became injured; blacked out. I came to when 4 of the guys where about to throw me go the cliffs. As they where about to throw me off I heard them talk about throwing another gay person of the cliffs. I got away.

I report this assault to the NSW Police at Bondi by phone when I got back to my unit at Bondi Beach. The Police turned up and said are you ok, then laughed at me when I said a friend was coming to take me to the Hospital. I attend the Emergency Dept at Prince of Wales Hospital. My story continues.

I appear in the documentary "Deep Water The Untold Story" was written about by Rick Fenlay who wrote the big article in the Sydney Morning Herald.

I would like to appear and give my evidence in person at the Inquiry.