

**INQUIRY INTO GAY AND TRANSGENDER HATE CRIMES
BETWEEN 1970 AND 2010 - 57TH PARLIAMENT**

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I wish to submit this document with my recent submission.

My submission happened in rural NSW involving Maitland Police

The year was 2006 when my assault happened

and I have attached a form expressing the changes I believe need to be made by NSW Police

CURRENT POLICING ISSUES FOR LGBTQI

- The current Gay Liaison Officer system does not work. It advertises a false sense of safety to the gay community. The gay community is at risk if they report a crime to the police under the current system and I never will advise a gay person to go to the police as it is simply unsafe and has been forever.
 - If a gay person chooses to report a crime as in my case the nearest GLO officer was located in Waratah and my crime took place in Maitland LAC so it was 2 weeks before they could see me and the police did so much damage within those two weeks I trusted none of them very quick
 - The police at Maitland LAC refused to take a statement from me only taking my HCCC complaint and when I wrote my own statement for them they threw it in the bin right in front of me and pointed to a Gay safe poster and said 'we are not homophobic' grinning as they said it.
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- There is an inbuilt corruption within the police force however I don't think this is just gay related I think its rife and their corruption indiscriminate
 - I strongly believe that there is a strong culture within the NSW Police force built upon heterosexual privilege. This will take years even decades to change but can be overcome through sex education, understanding and equality. People don't need to have certain sexual organs to cause sexual assault. People abuse not genders or sexes.

WHAT I THINK NEEDS TO CHANGE

- 1. GLO officers at EVERY command 24/7**
- 2. Culture change- Police can't change what they don't acknowledge**
- 3. Official apology to victims and the gay community**
- 4. Acknowledge the horrific example of breaching gay human rights in NSW over 40 plus years by the NSW POLICE FORCE**
- 5. Make the changes**