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

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Coming of age during Gay Apartheid

Gay people were criminals before 1984 in NSW.

The government put targets on our backs by having over 40 laws against homosexuality which fuelled the hate culture. Gays were scum!

Waking up to raging hormones at 12 years old and realising that I am “A Gay” was traumatic.

Recognising my effeminate side made me realise why I have been bullied my whole life, good to know, I was convinced I was just a weirdo.

I was the lowest form of human and a criminal before I had the chance to shine.

I went into survival mode and built a closet around my natural instincts.

Living in the shadows, watching people expressing love and creating happy environments with family and friends and believing that I will never have that.

No roll models no instructions.

Self fulfilling prophecy settling in as the only information I had on “The Gays” is through the constant hate speeches, jokes, comments and jaunts. AIDS ignited a whole new wave of hatred and violence.

I was silenced and so scared.