



Terms of Reference

Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Inquiry into anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes in Victoria

On 18 February 2026, the Legislative Council agreed to the following motion:

That this House requires the Legal and Social Issues Committee to inquire into, consider and report, by 1 September 2026, on the scale and scope of anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes occurring in Victoria, including but not limited to —

- (1) the communication and recruitment methods of anti-LGBTQIA+ influencers and hate groups that endorse anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes, including those creating and sharing online content steeped in racism, misogyny, transphobia, homophobia, far-right ideology and unhealthy masculinities;
- (2) current strategies to counter anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes, particularly among young people and how these could be strengthened;
- (3) current anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crime prevention initiatives, and how these could be strengthened;
- (4) existing public and online safety initiatives supporting LGBTQIA+ community members who have experienced hate crimes, including how these supports could be strengthened;
- (5) the role and responsibilities of social media and digital platform owners in preventing and responding to anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes;
- (6) existing empirical data regarding the prevalence and trends of anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes Australia-wide;
- (7) the impact of anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes on diverse LGBTQIA+ communities, including Rainbow Mob, people with disability, and multifaith and multicultural community members;
- (8) interjurisdictional strategies and methods to combat anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes across borders; and
- (9) the relevant work of the Commissioner for LGBTQIA+ Communities, relevant government advisory groups, including but not limited to relevant community, health and law enforcement organisations to combat anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes