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Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Hate crime inquiry calls for submissions

The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee is inviting submissions to its inquiry into anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes in Victoria.

The inquiry is examining the scale, scope and impacts of these harms across the state.

The Committee will investigate how anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes occur, the methods used by hate groups and influencers to spread harmful content, the effectiveness of current prevention and safety initiatives, and the responsibilities of digital platforms in addressing online hate.

The inquiry will also consider the experiences of diverse LGBTQIA+ communities, including Rainbow Mob, people with disability, and multifaith and multicultural community members, and review interstate and national data and strategies.

Committee Chair Joe McCracken said the inquiry provides an important opportunity for communities, experts, service providers and advocates to share their experiences and insights.

“Violence against any Victorian because of who they are is wrong. Threats, intimidation and harassment are wrong,” he said.

The terms of reference and details on how to make a submission are available on the Committee’s [website](#).

Submissions close on 1 May, with hearings planned later that month.

The Committee will table its final report by 1 September 2026.

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