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Terms of Reference

Received from the Legislative Assembly on 12 September 2019:

An inquiry into current anti-vilification laws, their possible expansion, and/or extension of protections beyond existing classes to the Legal and Social Issues Committee for consideration and report no later than 1 September 2020.

The Committee should consider:

1) The effectiveness of the operation of the Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001 (the Act) in delivering upon its purposes;

It would seem many far right neo nazi types are getting away with hate speech and public bullying of non white/christians.

2) The success or otherwise of enforcement of the Act, and the appropriateness of sanctions in delivering upon the Act's purposes;

See 1)

3) Interaction between the Act and other state and Commonwealth legislation;

Do they interact effectively, considering the blatant religious & political bias of the current Federal Government?

4) Comparisons in the operation of the Victorian Act with legislation in other jurisdictions;

5) The role of state legislation in addressing online vilification.

This needs to be urgently addressed, at Federal level as well, and at all State & Territory levels. Victoria could lead the way?

6) The effectiveness of current approaches to law enforcement in addressing online offending.

Ineffective to non existent. The level of hate, bullying, and vilification of non white, non Christian folk on social media is appalling.

7) Any evidence of increasing vilification and hate conduct in Victoria;
Yes, particularly on social media.

8) Possible extension of protections or expansion of protection to classes of people not currently protected under the existing Act;
Yes, if currently there are some minorities absent.

9) Any work underway to engage with social media and technology companies to protect Victorians from vilification.

Vital, as social media has an unhealthy influence on many, resulting in a growing number of folk who follow dangerous hate groups and see their existence as justification for their inherent bigotry and racist views.

Also, places vulnerable folk in dangerous situations with personal threats, bullying to the point of suicide in some, and/or serious mental issues.

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