

Resolution of Council

8 April 2024

Item 13.4

Motion to the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly - Fuelling Hate Report

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Worling –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the Trans Justice Project and Victorian Pride Lobby have released the Fuelling Hate Report investigating the prevalence and possible escalation of transphobia in Australia;
- (ii) this is the largest investigation into anti-trans hate in Australia with over 3,099 survey responses, including 1,309 survey responses from people in the trans community;
- (iii) the Fuelling Hate Report found in the last 12 months:
 - (a) 94 per cent of all participants saw online anti-trans abuse, harassment or vilification;
 - (b) 52 per cent of all participants saw anti-trans abuse, harassment or vilification in-person;
 - (c) 49 per cent of trans participants experienced online anti-trans abuse, harassment or vilification; and
 - (d) 47 per cent of trans participants experienced in-person anti-trans abuse, harassment or vilification;
- (iv) the Fuelling Hate Report found compared to 2020:
 - (a) 85 per cent of all participants saw significantly more online anti-trans abuse, harassment or vilification;

- (b) 40 per cent of trans participants experienced more significantly more online anti-trans abuse, harassment or vilification; and
 - (c) 34 per cent of trans participants said they had experienced more or significantly more in-person anti-trans abuse, harassment or vilification;
- (v) the Fuelling Hate Report found:
- (a) 15 per cent of trans participants experienced anti-trans violence in the last 12 months;
 - (b) 13 per cent of trans participants experienced more or significantly more anti-trans violence in the last 12 months; and
 - (c) 11 per cent of trans participants experienced more or significantly more anti-trans violence in the two months preceding the survey; and
- (B) Council be requested to endorse the following motion for submission to the 2024 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to introduce anti-vilification laws to protect the community from hate and ensure that every individual in Australia feels safe and protected under law irrespective of their age, disability, gender identity, intersex status, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.

Carried unanimously.

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