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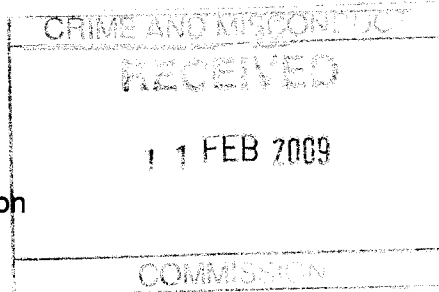
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Mr R Needham
Chairman
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Dear Mr Needham

Crime and Misconduct Commission Review of Queensland's Police Move-On Powers

Thank you for inviting the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR) to respond to the Crime and Misconduct Commission's Review of Queensland Police's Move-On Powers.

The experience of OLGR's Compliance Branch Officers regarding the exercising of these powers has been positive. Move-on powers have proven to be an effective tool to disperse intoxicated persons from the vicinity of a licensed premises and thereby enable the licensee to meet their obligations in ensuring a safe environment in and around the premises. Further, the authorisation to use move-on powers has been effective in areas where there is less of a security presence such as at street festivals. Using these powers at such events has lowered tension and been effective at diffusing crowds.

OLGR has also found that in public areas in Queensland where Indigenous people are known to congregate or reside, the nature of these areas at times leads to behaviour in which the move-on provisions may be applied. In these cases, OLGR recommends that Police, in applying or considering the application of the powers, consider whether there are traditional cultural links to the land in question. In some cases applying move-on powers to persons who believe they have the right to occupy the land may escalate potential conflict.

OLGR also recommends Police consider the ability of persons to be able to move on to another location, where such persons are homeless or itinerant with no alternative location to gather or reside. Such persons may only be moved on temporarily before returning and police may face a similar move on situation within a short period of time from the first move on order. Consideration could also be given to facilitating collaboration between other agencies providing Indigenous homeless services so that people might be directed to these agencies for temporary accommodation where available.

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Police may also consider whether officers have appropriate Indigenous cultural awareness training to deal with issues associated with public gatherings of Indigenous people in itinerant circumstances.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to the review.

If you require further information, officers from your organisation may contact Mr Craig Turner, Deputy Executive Director, Compliance Division on (07) 3224 7030 or Mr Dominic Tennison, Acting Director Indigenous Policy Branch on (07) 3033 0025.

Yours sincerely



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