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CMC Review of Police Move-on Powers
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Submission to the CMC: Review of Queensland's police move-on powers.

Below I set out details about my personal experiences with move-on powers and my comments about their use and effect. I have also supplied my personal details and request that you keep my identity confidential.

A. I have had the following experiences with the move-on powers:

EXPERIENCE ONE

1. I was asked to move on (approximate year/month/time of day):

A week ago from front of Valley train station

2. At the time I was asked to move on I lived:

- Sleeping rough
- Hostel/ Boarding House
- Staying with friends
- Private rental
- Other.....

3. When I was asked to move on I was at this location (eg. Name of street, landmark):

Brunswick station

4. When I was asked to move on I was (doing what? eg. Waiting for a service, meeting with friends, sleeping):

Waiting for a friend and minding my own business

5. The police officer told me to move on to (eg. Distance from location, no place specified?):

No place specified

6. The police officer told me I could not return for: (please tick the appropriate box)

- 1 Hour

- Up to 10 hours
- Up to 24 hours
- ✓ No time frame given
- Other.....

Please cross through which option does not apply in points 7, 8, 9 and 10:

7. The police officer gave me no reason for moving on, OR

The police officer told me I was being moved on because:

No reason to move on

8. I was *not* given a warning about what would happen if I did not comply with the move on direction; OR

I was given a warning about what would happen if I did not comply with the move-on direction, and the warning was:

Public nuisance

9. I think I was given a reasonable time to comply with the move-on direction; OR

I think I was *not* given a reasonable time to comply with the move-on direction, because:

They had no reason at all they give homeless people a hard time that is why a lot of people go to jail because they can't afford big fines.

10. After I was told to move on I followed the direction and (eg. I went to):

My friends house

OR

After I was told to move on I did *not* follow the direction and I was:

- a. Arrested and charged with **public nuisance**
- ~~b. Convicted and received the following penalty.....~~
- ~~c. Fined the amount of which I have / have not paid because.....~~

EXPERIENCE TWO

1. I was asked to move on (approximate year/month/time of day):

All the time

2. At the time I was asked to move on I lived:

- Sleeping rough
- Hostel/ Boarding House
- Staying with friends
- Private rental
- Other.....

3. When I was asked to move on I was at this location (eg. Name of street, landmark):

West End milk factory on Riverbank

4. When I was asked to move on I was (doing what? eg. Waiting for a service, meeting with friends, sleeping):

Sleeping

5. The police officer told me to move on to (eg. Distance from location, no place specified?):

No place specified

6. The police officer told me I could not return for: (please tick the appropriate box)

- 1 Hour
- Up to 10 hours
- Up to 24 hours
- No time frame given
- Other.....

Please cross through which option does not apply in points 7, 8, 9 and 10:

7. The police officer gave me no reason for moving on, OR

The police officer told me I was being moved on because:

I was homeless and always searching my pockets and bags for stuff

8. I was given a warning about what would happen if I did not comply with the move on direction, and the warning was:

Those passing when we all lived at tent city across the road from Paul's milk factory

OR

I was given a warning about what would happen if I did not comply with the move-on direction.

**9. I think I was given a reasonable time to comply with the move-on direction;
OR**

I think I was *not* given a reasonable time to comply with the move-on direction, because:

They gave me no time

10. After I was told to move on I followed the direction and (eg. I went to):

Across the road from it on the dirt and slept

OR

After I was told to move on I did *not* follow the direction and I was:

- a. Arrested and charged with **contravening a direction order**
- b. Convicted and received the following penalty.....
- c. Fined the amount of which I have / have not paid because

B. My comments on the use and effect of move-on powers are:

I think police move-on powers are (cross through whatever doesn't apply)

- Fair / unfair
- Proper / improper
- Effective / ineffective

I would like the following change to the move-on powers: (how and why would you like powers changed):

Other ideas, solutions, suggestions for change to the use of move-on powers are: