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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):

2009

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):

New Farm Park

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

Drinking because cheaper than the pub

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

No place specified – tipped alcohol out

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:

Not allowed to drink in the park

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:

A fine of \$75.00

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:~~

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

Barbeques

OR

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

- a. Arrested and charged with
- 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):

2008

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):

Toowoomba - bus depot

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

Waiting for a bus and drinking

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 - Could not go back to drink – just catch bus

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:

Drinking

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

OR

I was *not* 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:

Told to move on and immediately given a fine

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

Went home

OR

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

- a. Arrested and charged with
- b. Convicted and received the following penalty.....
- c. Fined the amount of \$75.00 which I have / have not paid because did not think the fine was fair.

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

Because people who are drinking in public aren't doing any harm and should be left alone – people have to drink somewhere and go to the toilet.

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

Police leave people alone when drinking or going to the toilet

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