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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):**

Late 2008 – cannot recall exact date

**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):**

Boundary St, Fortitude Valley

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

Standing – the police were telling my nephew to move on at the time and asked what was going on. Then bumped into police officer accidentally

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

Just told to leave. Get out of the Valley

**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:**

**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:**

You'll get locked up

**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:~~**

Couple of hours

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

When moved bumped into police officer who then threw me onto ground – caught on camera charges against me dropped, however, I still have to go to court to be a witness against police officer.

**OR**

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

- a. Arrested and charged with not complying with police officer's direction.....
- 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):**

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

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

Often told you are not allowed in the Valley from that street to that street but cannot remember the details of the other instances.

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**OR**

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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):

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

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 – sometimes unfair
- Proper / improper – sometimes
- Effective / ineffective – effective when you really need them

Because at times can be very unfair

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

Yeah should be changes – unfair if you are just sitting there and told to move on but fair if drunk or on drugs

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

Doing their job but doing it the wrong way sometimes