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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):

2008 / 12 / 7:30pm

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):

Corner of Kent and Brunswick Street, New Farm

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

Talking with a friend who had asked me if she could place her sim in my phone as hers had gone flat. I had just left my flat and was on the way to the shops when I ran into her at the corner.

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

100 metres from the corner of Kent and Brunswick streets

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 - 3 hours

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:

They suspected me of public solicitation as she (my friend) was a known prostitute

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:

That I would be put in the watchhouse for the night

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:

I was not given a reasonable time to comply because they would not allow me time to do what my friend had asked. When the police arrived I had already taken the back off my phone and what I told them was the truth.

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

Went to the shops - Technically I couldn't go back to my flat as it was within 100 metres of the corner.

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):**

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):**

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

5. **The police officer told me to move on to (eg. Distance from location, 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:

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:

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 ofwhich 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: