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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):

Seen people moved on, handcuffed and pushed, but not moved on personally.

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 *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:

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 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.....

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

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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 no signs to keep people aware breaking the law. Improper behaviour how police treat some people who are old for example. Should be licensed officer who has Murri watch working, talk to people, not just handcuff them.

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

Have signs telling people and warning them a few times. Talk about it with them, not just handcuffing them without warning.

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

A lot of people homeless don't have anywhere to move. They've got no friends to hang around in moved on, finding alternate activity and place. Talk with elders, elders ask people to move on, rather than just police.