



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION  
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### Media Release

#### Inquiry into Racial Vilification—Report tabling

Today the Standing Committee has tabled its sixth report on the Inquiry into racial vilification.

The report comprises an evidence-based response to the surfacing of racism that has been observed since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; racism from a small minority of Canberrans directed towards those of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Michael Pettersson MLA said, ‘Even if only instigated by a few, racial vilification has a profound impact on many in our community. The recommendations in this report aim to scaffold strong community support of diversity and a Canberra culture that calls out incidents of racism. On behalf of the Committee, I thank everyone who contributed to this Inquiry.’

The Inquiry was informed by eight submissions and two public hearings and makes 16 recommendations.

The report and more information on the Inquiry are available on the Committee’s website: [Inquiry into racial vilification - ACT Legislative Assembly](#)

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