
**MM32/14 RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT - SECTION 18C
AMENDMENTS - The Mayor, Councillor Roy Maggio**

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Earlier this year, City of Ryde and many other local Councils urged the Federal Government to reconsider its proposal to make changes to Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act.

The Federal Government received numerous submissions regarding the proposed changes with the vast majority opposing any amendments.

Thousands of community groups and ordinary citizens wrote to the government to state that there is no place for racism and offensive speech in Australia.

I am pleased that the Federal Government will now continue to promote community cohesion and harmony in our society through its decision not to amend Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council write to the Prime Minister, Hon Tony Abbott and thank him for the Federal Government's decision not to change Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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