

6.1 Condemning Homophobia

Submitting Councillor: Dr Josh Fergeus

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Notes the police investigation into a series of alleged homophobic assaults in the Monash community.*
- 2. Unequivocally condemns homophobia in all its forms.*
- 3. Fly the Pride Flag across the municipality in solidarity with the LGBTIQ+ community from 28 February to 7 March 2022.*

BACKGROUND

On Sunday 6 February 2022 media outlets including The Sunday Age provided details of an ongoing police investigation into a series of alleged homophobic assaults in Monash.

Victoria Police are reportedly alleging that local gay men have been targeted, assaulted and subjected to homophobic abuse.

While the Monash Council condemns violence of any sort, the alleged targeting of members of our community based on their sexuality is particularly concerning. Monash Council has a strong history of supporting diverse communities and has recently supported the establishment of a LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee and development of a LGBTIQ+ action plan.

FINANCIAL

This motion has no financial impact to Council.