



Transgender Vilification

What is transgender vilification?

Transgender vilification is against the law. It is a public act that could incite hatred, serious contempt or severe ridicule towards people who are transgender.

Public acts include:

- communications that can be seen or heard by the public (this includes print, radio, video or online)
- signs, flags or clothing that could be seen by the public
- distributing and sharing information to the public.

Act under review

The NSW Law Reform Commission has been asked to review and report on the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*(NSW).

Anti-Discrimination NSW supports amending the grounds in the Act to include protection based on:

- sexual orientation
- gender identity
- intersex (or sex characteristics).

Learn more about the Law Reform Commission's process at lawreform.nsw.gov.au



What can I do if I experience transgender vilification?

If you feel you have been vilified, you can contact us to make a complaint.

If you are unsure if you have experienced transgender vilification or need more information, you can contact our enquiry service.

Public acts that threaten or incite violence

Any public act that threatens or incites violence towards a group of people on the basis of their race, religious belief or affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, intersex status or HIV/AIDS status is a criminal offence that should be referred to the police.

Useful contacts

Translating and Interpreting Service – 131 450

Law Access – 1300 888 529

Complaint case study

Giselle* is a transgender woman.

She felt vilified by her neighbour when her neighbour made public comments about her gender.

Giselle lodged a complaint with ADNSW of transgender vilification by her neighbour and transgender discrimination by her accommodation provider.

The accommodation provider agreed to prioritise Giselle's transfer to another accommodation managed by the provider. This resolved the matter.

*Name has been changed to protect the privacy of the individual.

This factsheet has general information about vilification and there are exceptions to the law. Please contact us if you have questions about transgender vilification or would like information about how to make a complaint.

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