

Excerpts of submissions received from police officers

Senior Detective of more than 2 decades experience, known to the Commission:

Notwithstanding legitimate complaints, routinely, I receive many complaints of sexual assault from women. 90% of these complaints are completely fabricated or the women have a misunderstanding of rape or sexual assault. The other 10% are investigated fully, and we as investigators do everything we can for the victim. This would be repeated by police across the entire state. It isn't difficult to tell legitimate victims from those who have other motives.

Common complaints are but not limited to, to drunk to remember consenting, feel sore so something must have happened, don't know if raped or not but thinks something happened. Woke with no clothes on, seeks empathy from others, has a partner and feels guilty, can't decide if she consented or has regrets after drinking so it must be rape. Other situations include retaliation for a breakup, consented but really didn't enjoy the interaction, mental illness including delusions and dementia. There are also complaints about doctors performing procedures such as the insertion of a catheter and felt something or going for child custody and the support worker said making a complaint of rape would help.

On most occasions, the fabricated complaints have no evidence whatsoever other than the woman's version. For the 10% of genuine sexual assaults, there is evidence to corroborate the victim's version including an authentic and credible version of events with times, dates, places, witnesses, and physical evidence. We will do everything possible for these genuine victims.

Another senior police officer, also known to the Commission:

I can confirm that the public are often referred to as grubs, spoons, fuckwits, druggies, paedos, kiddy fiddlers, blacks, burnt blacks (Africans), attention seekers, frequent flyers just to name a few. I have heard many derogatory statements about women and some truly foul descriptions of sexual assault victims. The c word is often trotted out by senior management down the food chain to constables.