

Examples of racism complaints (2020-2022)

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Example #	Subject Member	Rank at Time of Complaint	Region at Time of Complaint	Incident Date	Registered Date	Allegation Description	Allegation Outcome	Allegation Action
1	[Redacted]	Senior Sergeant	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	10/12/2020	<p>QPS Allegation: It is alleged the Senior Sergeant made a racially derogatory comment in relation to a female subordinate who is of ASTI heritage. This comment made was "what, smelly old dugong". This was made in a group setting within the meal room of the RPU office.</p> <p>Description: A comment was made in the dayroom to the Senior Sergeant in relation to a female Aboriginal officer. His response was "what, smelly old dugong." It was reported as a disgusting racial slur, a discriminatory comment reflecting her connection as an Aboriginal person with that of a dugong.</p>	Sufficient Evidence to Proceed	LMR
2	[Redacted]	Senior Constable	[Redacted]	28/03/2022	3/04/2022	<p>QPS Allegation: The Senior Constable used a First Nations accent when conducting Acknowledgement of Country at a meeting.</p> <p>Description: The Senior Constable attended an Indigenous Support organisation to discuss young persons and youth justice, and reducing their involvement in high risk behaviour. He was asked to make the Acknowledgement of Country which occurs at the beginning of each meeting. The officer stated he wasn't sure if he could, but upon encouragement from others, started the Acknowledgement. He commenced it using a First Nations accent. The officer was then asked to stop, and a staff member from the organisation completed the Acknowledgement. He was not a First Nations person.</p>	Sufficient Evidence to Proceed	LMR
3	[Redacted]	AO3	[Redacted]	6/04/2022	8/05/2022	<p>QPS Allegation: The member used derogatory and racist language in conversation with another officer.</p> <p>Description: The member asked a Senior Constable, in front of the Station's Officer-in-Charge, "are you in the boong car", referring to a marked police vehicle painted with First Nations artwork. This was overheard by a First Nations woman who was a member of the Youth Co-Responder Team from the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs. The comment made the complainant feel uncomfortable, culturally unsafe, unsupported, disrespected, shocked and upset.</p>	Sufficient Evidence to Proceed	LMR
4	[Redacted]	Senior Constable	[Redacted]	24/11/2021	30/11/2021	<p>QPS Allegation: It is alleged the Senior Constable is an administrator of a closed Facebook group called 'The 504's'. The Senior Constable has allegedly posted, forwarded, commented on or liked numerous posts of which are racist, homophobic, misogynistic, derogatory, sexually suggestive or gruesome in nature.</p> <p>Description: The Senior Constable posted a racist picture of a dark skinned baby sleeping with their arms positioned behind them captioned "how cute! baby dreaming about being arrested like his father". The Senior Constable also posted a video of a naked Aboriginal woman captioned "Somebody just fucked my day up so I'm gonna do the same for you".</p>	Sufficient Evidence to Proceed	NFA