



MEDIA RELEASE

CCCAV Condemns the Attack on First Nations Site Camp Sovereignty

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The Chinese Community Council of Australia (Victoria Chapter) is deeply disturbed and outraged by the violent and unprovoked attack on Camp Sovereignty at Kings Domain in Melbourne, a sacred and peaceful First Nations site, by a group of far-right demonstrators on Sunday 31 August 2025 following the “March for Australia” rally.

This appalling act of aggression left four people injured, including two women who were hospitalised with head injuries, according to a joint statement from Camp Sovereignty and the Black Peoples Union. Witnesses reported that the attackers, some carrying sticks and flagpoles, stormed the camp, assaulted women, and desecrated cultural symbols, including burning the Aboriginal flag.

We unequivocally condemn this targeted violence, which is not only an attack on individuals but also an assault on the cultural heritage, dignity, and rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Such actions are unacceptable and have no place in a modern Australia where diversity is celebrated, cultural heritage is respected, and every person has the right to live in safety and dignity.

Everyone in this country should feel safe, respected, and free from fear—regardless of their cultural background or identity. The protection of all cultural and sacred sites, and the safety of people who care for them, must remain a commitment by the authorities. Hate and extremism must never be allowed to divide our communities.

We stand in unwavering solidarity with the First Nations community and reaffirm our commitment to reconciliation, respect, and justice. We call on authorities to take immediate and decisive action to hold those perpetrators accountable and to ensure the protection of all cultural and sacred sites and the safety of those who safeguard them.

We will not be silent in the face of intimidation and violence. Our shared future depends on unity, not division; on respect, not hate. Together, we must work towards a future built on mutual respect, understanding, and unity.

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