



7. Appendix B – Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference - Inquiry into Extremism in Victoria

Terms	Description
<p>Terms of Reference</p>	<p>The Inquiry’s Terms of Reference (as circumscribed by the Committee on 7 February 2022) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the rise of the far-right extremist movements in Victoria in the context of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. social isolation and growing economic insecurity; ii. racist scapegoating; iii. the role of mainstream and social media; iv. the distrust of governments and politicians; b) their methods of recruitment and communication; c) how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the growth of far-right extremism in the Victorian context; d) the risks their plans and actions pose to Victoria and especially to Victoria’s multicultural communities; e) the violent potential of these movements, including the potential for targeted violence against politicians and public figures; f) the links between far-right extremist groups, other forms of extremism, and populist radical right and anti-vaccine misinformation groups; g) what steps need to be taken in Victoria to counter these far-right extremist groups and their influence, including, but not limited to consideration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the role of early intervention measures to diminish the recruitment and mobilisation prospects of far-right extremist groups; ii) the role of social cohesion, greater civil engagement and empowerment, and community building programs; iii) the submissions made to and, when tabled, the report by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security’s Inquiry into extremist movements and radicalism in Australia; and h) any other related matters.