

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
COUNCIL OF VICTORIA**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- The Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) has chosen to tackle social disadvantage suffered by members of the Jewish and wider communities.
- This task is undertaken primarily through the agency of a Social Justice Committee (SJC).
- ‘Social disadvantage’ may be broadly defined.

Objectives

The SJC’S objectives are:

1. To lead and advise the JCCV Executive regarding those social justice issues which are of major concern to the Jewish and/or wider communities.
2. To liaise and otherwise work with Jewish and general community organisations on the JCCV’s behalf to implement its social justice policies.
3. To raise community consciousness about contemporary social justice issues and facilitate engagement in addressing them.
4. To advocate on behalf of disadvantaged groups both within the Jewish and/or wider communities either independently or in cooperation with other Jewish or general community organisations.

Activities

In pursuit of these goals, the SJC will:

1. Seek opportunities for advocacy on behalf of or in partnership with disadvantaged groups.
2. Initiate or support activities in various ways such as developing and promoting JCCV social justice policies and statements.
3. Monitor public policy development and implementation to inform these policies and statements.
4. Prepare submissions and make representations on social justice issues to governmental and other agencies on behalf of the JCCV.
- 5. Alleviating problems of social disadvantage**

Composition of the Social Justice Committee

The JCCV Executive appoints the Chair of the SJC.

The Executive may also appoint Committee members; alternatively members may be coopted on to the Committee at the invitation of the Committee Chair.

The Committee may form standing or special interest subcommittees whose members will be comprised of Committee members and/or individuals invited by the Chair.

Committee members are drawn from a wide cross section of the Jewish community and will have a particular expertise and interest in working with and advocating for socially disadvantaged groups.

Current issues of focus

These include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Indigenous matters
- Domestic Violence
- Mental Health
- Physical Health including drug abuse
- Child Abuse
- The Environment
- Refugees
- Gender Equality
- Prostitution
- Prisoners
- Poverty
- Immigration
- Employment
- Inequality of access to education