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Media Statement

**The Police Commissioner and Minister for police must be immediately replaced.
AFIC calls for a parliamentary enquiry into NSW police brutality and excessive police powers
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I along with many people witnessed in absolute horror the selective excessive abuse of power and police brutality in Sydney's Southwest. This week's brutal arrest of a person with a heart condition and a history of epileptic seizures is the clearest of evidence that the officers involved are engaging in criminal acts against the public and should be brought to justice.

There is no excuse for police or anyone to treat a fellow human being in this manner. Had they checked, they would have realised that his medical condition was a valid reason for not wearing the mask.

NSW Covid-excused police brutality has severely damaged public trust in the police service, this will have disastrous consequences unless something is done immediately to reign in these overzealous officers.

We have previously written to the NSW police minister and police commissioner with our serious concerns about police brutality in the Southwest of Sydney. Their failure to act has resulted in more abuse of power and more police brutality and has shown that they are not fit for this job. Premier Gladys Berejiklian must immediately replace the police minister and police commissioner with competent persons who will genuinely serve all the people of NSW without discrimination and without tolerance for police brutality. A parliamentary enquiry into police powers must follow the replacement of the police minister and police commissioner.

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