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Mr. Stepan Kerkyasharian AM,
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Dear Mr. Kerkyasharian,

Further to my letter of 17th November regarding the racially motivated attack on Mr. Harmohan Sing Walia. Mr. Walia rang me today and told me that the very next day his colleague, who works with him and was with him on the day of attack, went out for lunch and he saw the same group of youngsters loitering in the Tempe car park so he (Mr.Walia) immediately reported to the Tempe Police Station. Police went there and interviewed the youngsters but did nothing. When he rang the police to inquire about the outcome of their investigation, the police said that the boys had denied every thing.

It is a baffling situation, the person who was attacked and racially abused, and the witness who was with him at the time of the attack recognised the gangsters but the Police did not taking any action. To make the situation worse, I am told that a police officer (Mr. O.Mann) from the Castle Hill police station came to Mr.Walia's home to take his statement. Mr. Walia reported the incident to Mr. O.Mann but instead of registering and pursuing the case Mr.O Mann, closed the case writing in his report that Mr.Walia doesn't want to take any action in this case. It appears that somehow the Police is not interested in this case and does not want to take any action against the gangsters.

Sikh Council strongly condemns police for not taking any actions in this situation and I approach you and ask to take up this matter, as a matter of urgency, with the Police Minister and the Police Commissioner so that the perpetrators of this misdemeanour are brought to justice. Sikh Council is worried that if the gangsters responsible for the attack are not prosecuted, they will feel elated and justified for what they did and it will encourage them and other thugs to attack other Sikhs.

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