



## **MEDIA RELEASE / STATEMENT**

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### **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 21 March**

The 2022 theme for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 21 March, is VOICES FOR ACTION AGAINST RACISM.

Racism can be delivered in many different ways, including jokes or comments that cause hurt, verbal abuse and intimidation, graffiti that denigrates, posts that belittle and divide on social media and at its most serious, physical violence.

“Examples of racism are seen regularly in our island State. In complaints to Equal Opportunity Tasmania, race moved from the fifth, to the second most complained about attribute between 2018-19 and 2020-21” said Tasmania’s Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, Sarah Bolt.

In recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Equal Opportunity Tasmania has produced a short animated video to provide guidance on some of the things bystanders can do to assist the targets of racism.

“Racism doesn’t need superheroes to prevent it. It needs everyday people to stand up to it, every day. Today we call on all Tasmanians to strengthen their voices against racism, to stand up and make change”, said Ms Bolt.

The video can be viewed on Equal Opportunity Tasmania’s Facebook page [www.facebook.com/equal.opportunity.tasmania](https://www.facebook.com/equal.opportunity.tasmania) and also on our website [www.equalopportunity.tas.gov.au](http://www.equalopportunity.tas.gov.au)

*There is no vaccine for racism. We need to do the work – Kamala Harris*

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