

# Fight homophobia

## Stop National Action

National Action (NA) are a bunch of violent fascist thugs. They have been active in Melbourne for a number of years - harassing anyone who doesn't fit their views: Asians, Muslims, Jews, lefties, "uppity women", gays and lesbians. They openly support Hitler's Nazis - remember that millions of homosexuals were sent to they gas chambers.

A couple of years ago they moved into multicultural Brunswick. They got run out of town by a large demonstration. Now they have set up a bookshop in Fawkner. Using this base they spread poisonous race hatred, stoking up ethnic conflict and homophobia. In Adelaide NA forced the closure of a gay swimming carnival by polluting the pool.

There is a new atmosphere for such creeps today. John Howard galvanised the far right with his anti-gun laws, then legitimised intolerance with his "relaxed and comfortable" attitude towards Pauline Hanson. Her views on Asians and aborigines have been well publicised. Not so prominent has been her antagonism to gays and lesbians - but it is strong.

In fact all the right wing populist demagogues of the moment - Graeme Campbell, Ted Drane, etc make it clear that queers are amongst their targets . Drane blames the "homosexual lobby in Canberra" for the gun laws.

NA go beyond the Anglo-Celtic hard core of Australian nationalism and try to include all Europeans. They "prove" themselves with acts of violence - including organised poofter and dyke bashing. When we organise and show that we are strong, they shrivel and weaken. If left alone, they grow like noxious weeds.

Queers of all types - gays, lesbians, bisexuals, trannies - have powerful immediate reasons to fight these fascists. But there is also solidarity. We have been oppressed and excluded because of our difference - we need to reach out and support others who are oppressed on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, disability.....

Rally: 15 March 1 pm  
Meet at CB Smith Reserve,  
Roma St, Fawkner  
(Melways 17, 2J)

*Queer Action* is a political and cultural group who want to develop a space to politicise the queer community and inspire cultural criticism. *QA* welcomes those who dissent and want to create dissent.

Our next meeting is a forum on lesbian access to reproductive technology - sperm donations, IVF etc.

7:30 Thursday <sup>13</sup>6 March, Ross House  
247 Flinders Lane City  
For info contact 94804407

