



## Tom Koutsantonis accused of inciting hatred against gays in letter

**CORRECTIONAL** Services Minister Tom Koutsantonis has rejected claims he is encouraging vigilante violence against homosexuals amid a formal complaint to the equal opportunity watchdog.

Sydney gay-rights activist Gary Burns sent a complaint to the South Australian Equal Opportunity Commission yesterday over a pre-election flyer distributed by Mr Koutsantonis in his West Torrens electorate.

Mr Burns has previously taken on high-profile figures including John Laws, Jeff Kennett and Eddie McGuire over gay taunts.

Mr Koutsantonis' flyer, ob-

tained by AdelaideNow, calls on residents to monitor and report on "lewd" activity in Apex Park at West Beach.

Mr Burns' complaint claims the flyer "lures violence to the area".

"I understand if you raise fear in someone - fear's bastard child is hatred. If you fear something you'll hate it, and you'll want to hurt it," he said today.

"There will be a gay-hate homicide in this park. And the person who dies may not even be gay.

"The Premier, Mr (Mike) Rann, should step in and dismiss him because if there's a gay-hate homicide in this park this minister has con-

tributed to it."

Police have already alerted gay publications of assaults appearing to be targeting gays at the park.

On one occasion, a man was assaulted with a metal bar, and another male who was sitting in his car was set upon by three men who repeatedly punched him.

Mr Burns said Mr Koutsantonis should partner with gay health organisations and police to solve the problem of public sex in the park.

Mr Koutsantonis' original letter stated: "The men who loiter at this notorious Burbridge Road haunt have no respect for you and your family."

Mr Koutsantonis today vehemently rejected suggestions he had advocated that residents take matters into their own hands.

"I am concerned about the improper use of a children's park. Residents have complained about finding used condoms, lubricants and soiled tissues littering the area," he said.

"If people witness an illegal activity, of course they should report it, no matter what it is. Having sex in a public place, especially one where children gather, is wrong, homosexual or otherwise.

"I would be equally appalled if the park was being used for any other illegal purpose which would expose local children to health risks.

"I am certainly not homophobic and have supported gay rights in parliament."

The Equal Opportunity Commission said it was yet to receive the complaint, which has already been mailed.

*Article from Adelaide Now*

## Fashion icon Jean-Paul Gaultier awarded in Athens

French haute couture fashion designer and 'enfant terrible' Jean-Paul Gaultier received an award for his contribution to fashion, art and culture during an event organised in Athens on Saturday by the French Institute of Athens and the French Embassy. The award was presented to the designer by Greece's Deputy Culture and Tourism Minister Angela Gerekou, during a special ceremony that formed part of the 11th French Film Festival in Athens, which began on April 15. Gerekou, after praising Gaultier's decisive influence on the world of fashion, also noted that fashion and film were two sectors that needed great support in Greece, stressing that with the proper ground work they might well become a tourist attraction.

Gaultier, one of the main sponsors of the film festival, said he was happy to be back in a country that he loved and warmly praised the statuette made by Zolotas jewellers that was presented to him by the minister, noting that "this is the first time I am holding a real Zolotas".

After the award ceremony, there was a screening of the film "Le Jour d'Avant - Jean-Paul Gaultier" - a documentary about the last 36 hours before a fashion show. The event was also addressed by French Ambassador to Athens Christophe Farnaud and attended by Deputy Citizens' Protection Minister Spyros Vougiatis, as well as representatives of the fashion and film industry.



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