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# MEMBER UPDATE

## **AFPA Member Update – Uniform Policy - Tattoos**

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Good afternoon AFPA members

Today the AFPA met with members in relation to the change to the uniform policy with regards to visible tattoos while on duty and in uniform.

The following points were raised and considered at the meeting and will form the basis for a response from the AFPA to the AFP Executive.

- Absence of evidence or basis to initiate an immediate change
- Nonexistence of consultation with the AFP workforce or AFPA
- Health and Safety implications/exemptions
- Disconnection with AFP's cultural and diversity agenda
- Enforceability consequences
- AFP's independence within the broader Home Affairs Portfolio.

A copy of the AFPA's response will be distributed members once it has been established and received by the AFP Executive.

Thank you to those members who participated in today's meeting and who have sent your views to the Association.

We will continue to push back on this issue on your behalf.

Regards

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