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ERC CALLS FOR RESPONSIBLE ARTISTIC EXPRESSION FOLLOWING RELEASE OF CONTROVERSIAL VIDEO

The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) expresses deep concern over the circulation of the music video "Chiney Don't Know Who's We" by Vision Clarke featuring Richard, which has recently gained traction on social media. In light of the recent unrest and the targeting of Chinese-owned businesses and individuals, the content and timing of the video are especially troubling.

The Commission acknowledges the public statement issued by the video's producer, which stated the work is an artistic expression with no intent to promote violence or incite discrimination. The producer further clarified that the video had been created prior to the recent incidents and has been circulating since January 2025. Nonetheless, the ERC emphasizes that the current national context demands greater sensitivity and responsibility from content creators, especially when public safety and harmony are at risk.

While the ERC values freedom of artistic expression, it strongly encourages artists to reflect on the broader social implications of their work. When art intersects with volatile social conditions, it has the potential to deepen wounds, perpetuate stereotypes, and incite further division.

Given the heightened vulnerability of our Chinese brothers and sisters, the ERC calls for the immediate withdrawal of the video from all platforms, as it can put them at further risk. The Commission urges all public figures, artists, and influencers to act with a sense of national responsibility and to avoid contributing to narratives that could threaten lives or exacerbate tensions.

The Ethnic Relations Commission will continue to fulfill its constitutional mandate to foster understanding and prevent division among all groups in society, particularly during times of crisis.

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