

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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Thankyou for your time.I'd like to voice my dissatisfaction with the proposed following points from the 'QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY SAFETY BILL 2024' of which I have copy and pasted below:> introduce a firearms prohibition order scheme in Queensland> expand and extend the trial of hand held scanners in public places> introduce a verification process for purchasing small arms ammunitionreform the 'fit and proper person' test in the Weapons Act 1990 by expanding the types of serious offending captured, introducing a new category of disqualified persons, and, in certain circumstances, extending the exclusionary period to 10 years> increase the maximum penalty for possessing a knife in a public place or school> introduce a framework for removal of online content depicting conduct that constitutes a prescribed offence, create an offence for publishing such material, and increase the maximum penalties for a range of related offences> extend the offence of 'unlawful conduct associated with commission of racing, burn out or other hooning offence' to include a person who merely spectated a hooning activity without reasonable excuseIn regards to my dissatisfaction with the above points I shall try to keep it short as I do not enjoy having to take time out of my day to sit down and comment on matters of political discussion, however I will make some broad statements in an attempt to cover why I am displeased with the above points quickly.First and foremost, QLD firearm owners are fed up with governmental decisions impacting their sport, hobby and frankly their culture, I work in the firearm industry in a point of sale role and routinely commiserate with firearm owners at some of the nonsensical rules that exist. furthermore I would like to add, that ALL firearm owners want more freedom, with many expressing serious discontent with governing bodies attempting to implement restrictions. Many firearm owners are happy with the current system of becoming certified fit and proper, applying for a firearms license, and then applying for permits to acquire the firearm, many believe this puts QLD in a unique position to be able to grant firearm owners more lenience in the law, in regards to, self defensive use cases for firearms at a place where the firearms are legally stored and registered. this is because we are all aware of the rampant levels of crime occurring, we also are aware of the recruitment issue the police are facing, it is apparent that QLD police do not have the resources to adequately quell crime, giving them powers to stop/search and seize will only create an enemy out of the law abiding citizens of QLD. we are at our breaking point, we want the freedom to adequately defend ourselves, not be searched in public yet still be vulnerable to attacks anyway.furthermore, it feels as though the elected officials meant to represent our principles of individual freedom and individual repercussion no longer understand them, it seems many officials have opted for group identity when developing these proposed changes, especially the point regarding association of racing and hooning by a person merely spectating.closing statement, I strongly advise you to seek your goals of a safer QLD in a more inclusive and open sourced community approach, you will not achieve your goals unless you find a way to reward law abiding citizens, as it stands currently, your proposed points seek only to lump everyone into the same basket of guilty until proven innocent, may I suggest as a very start, that people with no history of criminal offence over 18 years old, be permitted to purchase and carry less lethal devices for self defense, such as pepper spray to protect themselves, one final remark, we are willing to make QLD the safest place in Australia, we are willing to do the hard yards, however, we are sick of the ever tightening of the belt achieving nothing but a strengthening of hatred towards elected officials, a prepared society achieves greatness, prepare us, don't restrict us.Regards,M.Jones