

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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I believe firstly there are so many changes in this bill it has not allowed reasonable time for public submission as there are so many amendments to go through. I believe in improving safety particularly regarding the youth crime crisis which this legislation does address which I appreciate. I live in a nice area on the Gold Coast and in my local community there is youth crime every night or so with young offenders stealing cars and valuables, often armed. My main area of concern is around the weapons amendments are in relation to firearms. Licenced firearms holders are frequently the scapegoat for the actions of the criminals who do not go through the rigorous legal compliance of law abiding licence holders. I do not think proper consultation has occurred with this group of individuals or their associations, and the inclusion in electronic association of a disqualified person is ridiculous. You can not keep punishing good citizens doing the right thing, who enjoy their hobbies or sport or have firearms for work purposes. They can not be responsible for those who have absolutely no regard for the law, the community or the enjoyment of safety in Queensland. I want the committee to seriously consider who they are targeting with this legislation as I firmly maintain the sporting, working and firearm enthusiast community are often upstanding citizens involved in law enforcement, the medical profession and most give back to the communities they love and live in.