

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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I would like the committee to extend the timeframe for submissions into this Bill by at least six weeks for the following reason:1. The "Safety Bill" has far reaching and in my opinion, unintended consequences, and time is needed to examine the bill fully2. The Bill overrides the presumption innocence and gives those in power to deem what they consider to be criminal activity.3. Many of the provisions in the proposed Bill are already in place, yet the system does not operate as it is intended. Changing the Bill will in no way help those who need help.4. The wording of the Bill is vague and open to "interpretation" by those in authority or the justice system.5. Legal firearm owners are being targeted unfairly, while the criminal element does not have increased legal ramifications for having unlicensed firearms used in committing a criminal offence.6.The Bill seeks to provide clarity, expand the role of police and insert new penalties for certain behaviour. However lumping Children's Court proceeding, hand held scanners, Firearms, removing Online content, dangerous driving and Domestic and Family Violence under one Bill does not allow for the good parts of the Bill to be accept, while poorly written part of the Bill to be rejected.While recognising the importance of public safety and security, the Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024 in its current form poses significant risks to civil liberties and fundamental rights. Therefore, I urge you to extend the consultation timeframe and ensure that any measures implemented uphold the principles of justice, fairness, and respect for individual freedoms.RegardsKathryn Dries