

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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To whom it may concern.

The Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024 amends at least 12 different Acts, including the Weapons Act, the Explosives Act, the Criminal Code and the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act. I request an extension on the time available for Consultation on this Bill, to allow stakeholders and citizens alike proper time to go through it, analyse it, and put together a proper submission, the time allowed is not nearly long enough considering the scope of the proposals. Concerns I have is the power to strip firearms licences from people because of things their family members do, forcing people to take down social media posts the authorities don't like, and expanding the situations where police can search people without a warrant. Under Division 2, Clause 56, the period disqualifying people with certain criminal convictions from applying for a licence is extended from 5 years to 10 years. So if an individual receives a licence six years after a conviction. His licence is revoked? Under Division 2, Clause 58 (5)(b), someone is considered not to be a fit and proper person to have a gun licence if, within the last 5 years, "a domestic violence order, other than a temporary protection order, has been made against the person." This allows the potential for DVOs to be weaponised by abusive or manipulative partners. Division 2, Clause 12 of the Bill introduces a 3 year imprisonment penalty for Going Armed in Public so as to Cause Fear offence "if the offender publishes material on a social media platform or an online social network to (a) advertise the offender's involvement in the offence; or (b) advertise the act or omission constituting the offence". So if someone takes offence or feels threatened by a picture is posted on facebook for example of a licenced shooter at a registered club or hunting on a property and is participating in lawful activity, the shooter will be charged with an offence? Section 141ZF gives police the power to search, without a warrant, a vehicle owned or being used for travel (even as a passenger) by someone subject to a Firearms Prohibition Order. Critically, the Bill says A police officer may do the following in relation to the vehicle – (a) stop the vehicle; (b) detain the vehicle and anyone in or on the vehicle; (c) search the vehicle and anything in or on the vehicle for a firearm or firearm related item. Does this mean the individual or everyone in the proximity or the street or the suburb is searched?

Please I ask for an extension on time for consultation by all stake holders and citizens for a proper analysis of this proposal. I have only mentioned a few of my concerns this legislation is too broad and sweeping for the time provisioned to it.

Thank you

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