Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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To Community Safety & Legal Affairs Committee, Hon Mark Ryan, Hon Steven Miles, Dan Purdie (Shadow Minister) and David Crisafulli,

I am emailing in regard to the <u>The Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024</u> (QLD 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.

As a proud Queenslander, respected Pharmacist providing health services to my Mackay QLD community and responsible registered weapons owner, I wish to voice my personal disgust in the purposeful movement speed of this bill and lack of involvement of the people. Responding to such a large, complex and specific list of changes in one bill requires adequate time, resourcefulness and careful consideration, for the sake of the people affected currently and those in times to come.

The consultation and public persons input on the Bill window is inarguably disgraceful considering the intended impact and law changes that it suggests. The general public who are represented by this government, (in a lacking manner to say the least referencing previous pushed through bills in the last 6-12 months) not only request an extension to the time available for consultation on this Bill, we adjure it. The allowance for stakeholders and citizens alike proper time to go through it, analyze it, and put together a proper submission is of utmost importance and necessity.

The clearly careless intention to paper-dump legislation (100-pages) and not allow the people to be correctly involved is absurd. It shows a lack of professional aptitude, respect and care for the people under the governance and a snake-like manner towards the efforts to uphold community confidence and build a better future for the country. It does not acknowledge those who uphold laws and rules in its current state and subsequently punishes them. This is NOT the representation that the people vote for, request or expect.

We have seen a great amount of overreach by the government in the last 4 years and this will be yet another drastic step in the same direction. Civil liberties are the foundation of community and country, lessons learned too late to don't benefit those impacted nor do they set a good example for other legislative changes. I welcome to be contacted on the subject and encourage critical thinking and common sense to play a role in what is supposed to be a collaborative decision-making country.

Kind regards,

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