

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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To whom it may concern, I am writing to express concerns regarding the proposed Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024. This bill, while aimed at enhancing safety, disproportionately targets law-abiding citizens, particularly those engaged in legal and safe activities, including legal firearm owners. Legal firearm owners are among the most scrutinised individuals in the community, adhering to a stringent process of police checks and licensing that is already universally recognised as one of the most rigorous in the world. The imposition of further restrictions under this new bill raises serious questions about the limits of governmental oversight. Moreover, the broad powers granted to monitor and remove online content could lead to overreach, impacting individuals not engaged in criminal activities. Increasing penalties related to expanding police powers without clear limitations could be seen as measures that punish the law-abiding citizen, rather than preventing crime. Considering the significant impact of these amendments, it is crucial that the residents of Queensland are given more time to thoroughly review the bill and make informed decisions about its implications. As a concerned resident, I urge a re-evaluation of these amendments to ensure that any new legislation protects public safety while respecting the freedoms and rights of Queensland residents. Sincerely, Dr. AV Strydom_Hensen