

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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Dear
Community Safety And Legal Affairs Committee,
Hon Mark Ryan,
Hon Steven Miles,
Mr Dan Purdie,
Mr David Crisafulli,
Mrs Deb Frecklington,

I am writing to express concerns regarding the proposed Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024.

I would urge that these amendments be scrapped all together. I would request that the government take a pause on this situation and see that it unfairly targets and discriminates against innocent citizens that abide by the law and pose no threat to the community. I would also urge that moving forward the government work with sporting clubs such as Shooters Union and industry representatives such as SIFA and the broader shooting industry to find ways to target criminals, rather than the innocent shooters that will enviably be the true collateral damage in these proposed amendments. The criminals will still carry out their acts and only ever be effected retrospectively if they should be caught.

Please let it be completely clear, the outcome of these proposed amendments will certainly have long reaching and lasting effects on where my family, friends and I place our votes into the future. This is also certain for the members of the Oposition. If any members of the Oposition support or remain silent in support of these amendments, there will be a similar reaction from us at the time of voting.

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 citizens, rather than preventing crime.

In the mean time, 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 reevaluation of these amendments to ensure that any new legislation protects public safety while respecting the freedoms and rights of Queensland residents.

Sincerely

James Mckenzie