## Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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To

To all members of the Qld. Gov. Community Safety & Legal Affairs Committee.

You have prepared a complex Bill for consideration purported to enhance community safety by suggesting amendments to 12 existing Acts. No doubt you and others have spent many months, and possibly years, arriving at these proposed amendments for that purpose. The result is a Bill of 108 pages and Explanatory notes of 100 pages - written of course in legal language with multiple references to different sections of the 12 amended Acts. A complex and time consuming process just to read and understand the information let alone respond.

You have offered the general public, whom you are employed to serve, only 2 weeks to comment on all this complexity and the far reaching implications resulting for themselves and the rest of society and the functioning of law and order and public safety. These amendments will of course effect the people of Queensland and the functioning of the state for many years to come.

This short time frame is clearly not in the interest of natural justice or upholding procedural fairness, considering the complexity and quantity of the information to be understood and assessed by the average resident and constituent. The time fame is therefore unreasonable as it would be impossible for the average person to respond within 2 weeks even if they knew about it at on 1st May.

Therefore to uphold natural justice and your duty to serve the people of Queensland I strongly request the time frame for a response be extended to the end of July 2024 for reasonable consideration and formulation of well articulated response submissions both by individuals and stakeholder groups affected by the proposal.

It is my will that this response time be extended until the end of July 2024 to fulfil your obligation to provide natural justice and procedural fairness in these multiple cases of changes to the existing Acts which affect all Queenslanders and probably visitors as well. Failure by you or The Queensland Government to extend the time frame response, it would appear that there is a deliberate attempt to push through these multiple, far reaching amendments without the knowledge, input or consent of the people.

It is my will that this response time be extended also because Queensland does not have an upper house to scrutinise any Bills passing through the Legislative Assembly. Therefore, other than community consultation, we the people do not have any democratic oversight or protections. Furthermore, because of this reason, this is another factor in the denial of natural justice to

the people of Queensland. The dissolution of the Senate was contrary to the will of the people as expressed in a state referendum.

Now is your chance to dutifully serve the people of Queensland by extending the consultation period for response to this complex all encompassing Bill.

Thank you for your response to this request to uphold natural justice and the will of the people and allow adequate time for considered submissions that will affect us all for many years into the future.

Yours sincerely,

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