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To the Committee,

I write to you to submit a submission expressing concern as to the lengths this bill has over reached. As a law-abiding firearm owner (LAFO) it is extremely frustrating that the Qld Government continues to amend laws that I believe do not stop illegally owned firearms but put more and more pressure on the licenced owners doing the right thing. I have addressed my concerns below.

- 1. If a LAFO's spouse uses a DVO against them and the DVO is rescinded the person is deemed not to be a fit and proper person. If someone is proven DV offender then yes +, they should be stripped of all rights. If it isn't proven and the DVO is rescinded, why does the person still have to be deemed not a fit and proper person? This seems unfair and disproportionate.
- 2. S141E (2)(d) talks about FPO's and whether the person is an associate of a recognised offender. This broad statement could entrap a lot of people who happen to work with, be a member of a club with, has had discussions with on social media or is related to a known offender. This is by far a perfect example of overreach allowing the police to be the judge and executioner by 'association'.
- 3. Section 141ZG in relation to searches, this now allows a police officer to pretty much enter and premises under the control of a person under a FPO without a warrant. This is now empowering Police to enter peoples private properties at will. Currently, they can do this with a warrant anytime they please. Taking away the judgement of someone outside the QPS to approve these warrants risks taking away peoples rights in relation to searches. I do understand the need for surveillance on these people with FPO's but this goes way too far and there is no legitimate reason why Police cannot continue to apply for warrants to manage this.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I hope you make the best decision for all the people doing the right thing and work to impose heavier sentences on those that aren't.

Regards,

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