Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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My first point is that I am making this submission under a unnecessarily truncated timeframe. Despite seeking an extension this has been denied – apparently for reasons of due process. It is interesting to note that due process is applied inconsistently in the analysis and consideration of such an important matter as Community Safety. The allowed timeframe is unreasonably short and is further shortened by its promulgation being limited through a lack of adequate advertisement or public discussion. This results in a short submission as there is insufficient time allowed in the public consideration window to fully and completely analyze the subject proposed legislation. This, in turn, limits the generation of a more complete and appropriate submission.

The facts of the truncated consultation period and the speed that the suggested changes to all affected pieces of legislation have been assembled suggests that something ill-considered is being forced through in indecent haste. It is also a sound basis for the genesis of a wide spread belief that, as there is seemingly something to hide necessitating it being done in secret.

A read of both the proposed legislation together with its explanatory notes lead to a conclusion that the whole matter is based in nefarious undermining of the democratic principles on which our nation was formed and has operated throughout its history. I note with concern that this proposed legislation will only result in a denial of freedom of speech, assumption of guilt by association and draconian punishments being visited on otherwise law abiding citizens. Nothing proposed addresses the root causes of our current social ills. It only targets those citizens who are already compliant within the law. I will happily challenge any assertion by anyone in this State, or indeed nation, that the crimes the legislation is supposedly trying to address, are being committed by anyone other than people who are already operating outside of the law. The answer to the issue of our current social ills lie within the Governments power. However, they persist in NOT using what is already available to address the issue. This proposed legislation is only going to generate further negative issues as it is extremely unlikely that it will be administered with any degree of discretion or consideration of pertinent context. In short, the proposed legislation is dangerous and will result in the elimination of our rights under the Australian Constitution. The proposed legislation is a band aid solution to a boil that does not exist. It is ill considered and will be ineffectual in addressing the actual issues of concern to our society.

Yours sincerely,

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