

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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Dear Secretary

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I am writing to express my concerns regarding the passing of the above proposed legislation. To preface my concerns, I do not have a legal background and therefore find it overwhelming to consider expressing my concerns when faced with a Bill that has over 180 pages of amendments related to numerous legislations within a very limited time of two weeks. On this basis, my main concern is that those wishing to express their concerns will not be able to prepare well considered responses and therefore, this legislation will have a greater negative impact on innocent people, than has been considered or contemplated.

Besides the limited time allowed for feedback, I have major concerns related to the 'considerations for making firearms prohibition orders-adults', in Section 141E (4)(a) with regards to 'a romantic or familial relationship with the offender'.

I was unable to locate a definition within all the material related to the Bill, therefore, I am left to consider that a family relationship with an offender means that families with step siblings, half siblings, mixed marriages, divorced, adoptions, as well as a regular marriage (with a mother, father, children, and relatives) are included within the scope of a 'familial relationship'.

Family relationships are far more complex. It would be exceptionally difficult to state that every immediate family member and relatives are all close and genuinely connected to each other, or even speak or socialise with anyone or everyone in the family. This Section is based on an extremely unrealistic assumption, and it is frightening to consider the implicit/hidden outcomes directly related to this Section of the Bill.

Kind regards
Warren Howe

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