Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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To whom it may concern,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to urgently bring to your attention a matter of significant concern regarding the Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024.

As you may be aware, the Labor Government is currently attempting to expedite the passage of legislation that appears to significantly impact civil liberties and firearms licensing in Queensland. The proposed changes, outlined in the Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024, are extensive and far-reaching, amending crucial Acts such as the Weapons Act, the Explosives Act, the Criminal Code, and the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act.

Despite the profound implications of this Bill, the timeframe for public consultation is alarmingly brief. The community has been given only a fortnight to provide feedback, a period grossly inadequate considering the complexity of the proposed amendments. The explanatory notes alone span 100 pages, making it challenging for stakeholders and citizens to thoroughly review and formulate informed submissions within such a constrained timeframe.

Of particular concern are provisions within the Bill that grant authorities the power to revoke firearms licenses based on the actions of family members, impose censorship on social media posts deemed unfavorable by authorities, and expand police powers to conduct warrantless searches. These measures not only impact firearm owners but also have broader implications for civil liberties and community safety in Queensland.

In light of these concerns, we urge the Queensland Government to extend the consultation period for the Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024. This extension would afford Queenslanders the necessary time to carefully examine the proposed legislation, analyze its implications, and provide meaningful feedback.

We respectfully request your immediate intervention in advocating for an extension of the consultation period. Your support in ensuring transparency, accountability, and meaningful public engagement in legislative processes is vital to upholding democratic principles and safeguarding the interests of all Queenslanders.

Please find below the contact information for key stakeholders involved in this matter:

- 1. Community Safety & Legal Affairs Committee: cslac@parliamentcommittees.qld.gov.au
- 2. Hon Mark Ryan (Minister for Police): police@ministerial.qld.gov.au
- 3. Hon Steven Miles (Premier): premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au
- 4. Dan Purdie (Shadow Minister): ninderry@parliament.qld.gov.au
- 5. David Crisafulli (Leader of the Opposition): leader@opposition.gld.gov.au

We urge you to promptly reach out to these individuals and express your support for an extension of the consultation period. Every voice matters in safeguarding the democratic process and ensuring that legislation is thoroughly scrutinized and reflective of the interests of all Queenslanders.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. Together, we can advocate for a fair and transparent legislative process that respects the rights and concerns of all citizens.

Regards



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