

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern relating to the pushing through of the Qld community safety bill of 2024.

The scope of this bill with its many, many grey areas concerning DVO's and FPO should be of concern to any Queenslanders whether or not they are a firearms owner or have been convicted of or subject to any of the above.

The increase of police powers to randomly search without warrant any house or vehicle or provocation is a basic violation of human rights and only something I would expect to see overseas in largely fascist and communist countries, not here in a democracy like Australia.

Why bother to have a court and Judicial system at all??

The risk of completely innocent people being dragged into a search or a person's orbit just by accident and then having to work their way out of the system and possible records and convictions is ridiculous and again a violation of human rights.

FPO and firearms licences-I can understand and the firearms lobby has supported this notion for quite sometime-but what happens to someone who has served their time, at which point their slate is supposed to be clean waits a period of time acquired LEGALLY a firearm but then finds after say 12 months that the time before applying has changed -will they be convicted, will the house get searched, will innocent family members guilty of no crimes major or minor in their lives be dragged into the legal system through no fault of their own, there are far too many grey areas and none of these suggested changes in this bill have been thought through or community groups consulted with.

Given the recent spate of knife attacks and violent acts against Police I can understand their concern, but then there are those of us that are council workers, forest rangers, Conservation rangers, hunters, fisherman, campers, bushwalkers who without any thought of harming anyone slip a pocket knife or multitool, on a belt or in a pocket just like putting on their shoes -to open boxes, mail, cut up lunch cut rope, whittle a stick-a hundred and 1 mundane tasks every day-what will be the fallout for these people, I wonder.

We have unfortunately slipped into a guilty until otherwise proven innocent frame of mind, which again I would only expect to see overseas in some one party dictatorship. Perhaps our lawmakers could work on the real issues of crime around, the youth, drugs, gangs etc and the cause of that rather than more laws which will just make life harder for the average person who is otherwise an honest upstanding valuable member of society and completely unaware of this bill and its far reaching effects on them.

I would urge politicians and lawmakers to not table this bill until widespread community consultation can be made over an extended period and ALL of the overarching grey areas have been cleared up for everyone's sake.

I applaud the QLD govt for its active role in trying to reduce crime and increasing community safety, especially for our hard working police-but this bill isn't the answer and needs much more work.

Thanks very much for your time today

Regards

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