

Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

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A Submission on the Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024

Almost certainly most of the "Community" will not know this is happening. Even worse most who do know of it will be afraid to make any comment because that makes it likely the Police will be breaking down their door early in the morning, or even worse shooting them through the door before they open it!

What is this about? Trust!

Trust between individuals, and organisations in the community. Without trust and the associated determination to work hard with others to support and maintain the community then society fails. At present there are many and increasing signs that society is failing, a few of the signs include someone stabbing people in a shopping mall in Sydney or Melbourne, some young people stealing cars (and sometimes crashing and killing people), a stabbing in a church, increasing break-and-enters, robbery and bashings or violence in remote Daly River.

This proposed **Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024** and the many others, such as the Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (see attached list for the week) being rushed through Queensland Parliament are obviously well beyond the understanding of the politicians to understand and are just being rubber stamped for the political advisors and Public Servants proposing them.

A simple look at one, the Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 shows that it makes changes to 7 other Acts:- the Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004, the Crime and Corruption Act 2001, the Mental Health Act 2016, the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000, the Public Health Act 2005, the Summary Offences Act 2005, and the Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2005 when its objective is "to make the necessary amendments to ensure that trans and gender diverse people receive the same protections as other Queenslanders".

Undoubtedly nobody including the Public Servants who wrote it have any idea of the overall consequences of the individual changes to the 7 Acts.

In this sense the **Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024** would become just another of the plethora of rules and regulations overwhelming ordinary Queenslanders and must be put on hold or completely withdrawn as long as the Community is falling apart under the legislative overload of "bandaid" measures. Government at all levels seems quite incapable of genuinely consulting the community. The Public Consultation sessions I have been to over the last decade seemed to be only explaining what the Public Servants planned to do without any listening (and certainly with no changes resulting).

Many of the big problems have multiple underlying causes. Take the housing shortage. The Queensland Southeast Plan has created an artificial land shortage (this was pointed out at the Public Consultations but no change), and there have been dozens of changes to building standards (fire safety with shutters and water storage, lighting standards, attempts at passive solar design and many more) that have significantly increased the cost of land and construction. As well the attitude that a mansion must be built (>400 sq m) sometimes enforced by developers in new subdivisions, have produced the unintended consequence that housing cost of building a new home is up 63% in last 10 years.

Add migration and there is a drastic housing shortage. Migration is one of the questions where politicians and more have failed us! The real question is **why do Australians not want to do the jobs that we bring in migrants for?**

However no one has managed to start serious discussion on this why and whether we can do something about it. Those that Australians elect to lead have been completely absent on this discussion of the root causes and solutions.

The Public Servants down their own little rabbit holes in George Street or in Canberra are probably not even aware of the need to ask these questions of the community (and probably would not take any notice if they did ask).

Now there are starting to be comments about **society failures and social cohesion** but there is still no discussion about the underlying causes.

Yes multiple causes !

In Ceduna locals call for the re-introduction of the cashless card to again reduce the alcohol consumption and related social problems. The decision to end the cashless card came from political advisors and Public Servants in Canberra, a group quite incapable of understanding the serious consequences in communities remote from Canberra.

As another example the remote communities in the Northern Territory fought hard for their alcohol restrictions, but Canberra coerced Darwin into removing the alcohol restrictions.

Alice Springs exploded because the political advisors and Public Servants were completely out of touch and had no idea of the unintended consequences !

Band-aids (curfew and more police) have been applied but so far only a couple of Alice Springs locals have asked about tackling the underlying causes.

So far the politicians have refused to acknowledge the unintended consequences of the ever increasing rules and legislation produced by the political advisors and Public Servants that they just rubber stamp.

Before long everyone will belong to the local baseball club (even the mobility restricted over 70s baseball club) so that whenever they are out on the street they are going to or from a game so can carry their baseball bat (in reality because they do not trust the persons approaching them on the street).

It is not just an Australian problem.

In the United States of America a poll, a collaboration between Republican and Democratic pollsters Neil Newhouse and Joel Benenson, respectively, surveyed 1,000 registered voters around the U.S.. A slight majority of those, 56%, said they believed the government was corrupt and "rigged against everyday people like me,"

Again to the **Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024**, in recent months Queensland has been turning more of the law abiding firearm users into criminals by unilaterally changing their firearm licences (requiring them to cease their legitimate uses). The **Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024** amongst many other changes seeks to turn even more of the law abiding firearm users into criminals by again changing the rules for them. I doubt anyone has had a chance to look through the myriad of other changes in **the Queensland Community Safety Bill 2024** to have any idea of the unintended consequences.

Are there any politicians prepared to stand against all this nonsense and scrap this bill, and genuinely lead proper consultation with the community about society failures and social cohesion !

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Bills updated in the last week

[Criminal Code \(Decriminalising Sex Work\) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024](#)

Introduced by: **Hon Y D'Ath MP** on 15/2/2024 [▶ Bill](#)
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[Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024](#)

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[Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024](#)

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[Manufactured Homes \(Residential Parks\) Amendment Bill 2024](#)

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[Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024](#)

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[Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024](#)

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