

The reason we need a Bill of Rights is so that what has happened to me and my family, can never happen to another Qld family again. The following is a brief version of our story.

My name is Tracey and I am a mother of two beautiful, respectful and successful children who are both on their way to becoming adults that any parent would be proud of. My partner (who is a member of a Motorcycle Club that the government have declared a criminal organisation, even though the majority of the members including my husband, don't have any criminal records) and I decided after 17 years of being together to make it official and in 2012 we got married. Little did we know that our day of celebration would be marred by the police and the Courier Mail which covered the front page of their paper with our wedding details, our names, address and the location of our business and trying to tie it in with an alleged bikie feud that my husbands club had nothing to do with.

This is another case of police Intel gone wrong and this makes us all concerned as to what Intel was used to bring in these Vlad laws in the first place and the ongoing incorrect facts and figures given to the media by the police. So when the government rushed in a new wave of laws in Oct 2013 conveniently the evidence to push these laws through overnight were deemed SECRET so therefore we have had no way of defending ourselves, we awoke to the news that we had been deemed criminals and stripped of our Human Rights.

Whilst no one in my husbands club chapter have been arrested. I spend everyday with my husband, and the police cannot tell me whether I am an associate or participant under these laws. Therefore everyday we are in fear of being arrested for going out in public or even going to work as we have another member working for us. We have been assured that a much-needed Human Rights Bill would stop this sort of discrimination.

My partner and I have no criminal records, yet everyday we live with the fear of losing our business or being arrested and also living with being treated differently to our peers simply because we prefer to ride bikes and socialize with like minded people.

Our children, 1 of whom was trying to complete her last year of high school have been under immense pressure from having to live with their parents being called scum and maggots on the news by politicians and high-ranking police officers. Everyday we are being targeted unfairly. What is that teaching our children about their Human Rights? It is the purest form of bullying, that's what it is and so we are fighting for our freedom as hard as possible because that is what parents are supposed to teach their children. Our 15-year-old son was attacked on social media by an x police officer when a friend of ours posted a clip of him playing guitar. Horrible things were said about him and that was so heart breaking for me to watch my sons face as he read the comments by this person that has never met him or any of his family and was representing the Qld Police Force. As parents we try to teach our kids everyday to treat people as you want to be treated and we also teach them not to judge a book by its cover. Even though they are witnessing this happening to their parent's daily.

The stress and emotional strain that this has had on us is unmeasurable as many of us are trying to appear strong for others, some of whom have been held in solitary confinement for months on end with their charges later being dropped for lack of evidence, some of these men had no previous criminal history and were treated worse than people with serious criminal convictions.

Several of our premises have been proscribed place that they can no longer attend but yet are still being charged rates and other bills for a property that they have not set foot on for 2 ½ years.

Just the knowledge of going to the clubhouse on a Friday night to have a drink with their brothers and talk about the

good and bad week that they have had. To play a few games of pool or watch some old tapes of brothers those have past away and reminisce. My children and myself attend many a Friday night at the clubhouse or a weeknight to sit and watch State of Origin. Just to have somewhere to hang out where we are not bothering anyone. I had my Hens night before my wedding at the clubhouse because I don't go into nightclubs and I wanted to have a heap of the girls including my Mother and my sisters to come out and have a good time without the fear of being harassed or the very real fear of having our drinks spiked. But to just go out and have some fun. This has all been taken away by these laws in fact it reflects on my whole families Human Rights. The simple right to get together as a family.

In any group of people there are people that do the wrong thing, which has nothing to do with being a biker that is human nature. There are politicians out there sexually assaulting children but we don't treat all politicians as paedophiles, there are police out there that are abusing their position in authority but we don't accuse the whole police force based on what a few bad police officers do. There are priests out there doing the unspeakable but we don't ban all churches and religions. There are football clubs that after a game destroy hotel rooms and get into fights and take and deal drugs but they don't have new laws rushed in overnight by a secretive government stripping them of their Human Rights.

If a person commits a crime that person should be charged and stand in front of a group of their peers with the evidence displayed so they can be judged and sentenced accordingly. You cannot bring in new laws that treat certain groups as guilty until proven innocent, you cannot bring in new laws that set everyone up to become a criminal. A Human Rights Bill should protect us from that.

The Police have now notified my husband that he is NOT entitled to Natural Justice. Why Not? He has no criminal record, he is not committing any crimes, and he works from

6 in the morning until 8 at night most days of the week. He pays taxes every year, he employs 6-8 people, he donates to charities when he can, he has been an amazing father, husband, friend and he has been an amazing supportive and level headed leader and brother to many men that have just needed guidance to get back on the right track and he should be rewarded for what he has contributed over the last 35 years not punished. Where are his Human Rights how does he teach these people to trust a government that has no concern for his own family's welfare.

Day after day we are attacked in the media and the greater majority of the stories are pure lies and we have no way of defending ourselves. At no point are the police or news reporters held accountable for their actions against us and we have no right of reply.

We had a visitor from England here recently doing a documentary on the VLAD Laws and lack of Human Rights he travels the world doing such documentaries and he stated that the Qld Human Rights were second only to North Korea, we were shocked at this statement and then he explained why...

Yours truly,
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