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Dear Secretary and members of the committee, on reading the explanatory notes I must say the direction we are headed does not bode well for coming generations.

1. Dealing first with the IMS - The process of implementation appears to impact rather heavily on the individual's right to privacy and go about their daily lives unconcerned about the likelihood of being tracked, investigated and reported on for the gratification or to ease the paranoid mind that has asked for such capability to be introduced. I, as a voter and resident of QLD am increasingly concerned at the lack of investigative ability shown by the QPS in discharging their duties. Our system is heavy handed in how it deals with minor offences with no apparent victim or physical harm, with or without provocation. This system seeks only to expand the QPS ability to increase their ability to keep an eye on the population. The traffic camera system is first and foremost for road safety and that of motorists and resolving traffic issues. It is not, nor should it ever be a tool used for spying on the general public.

I, and I'm sure my contemporaries would agree, would prefer that QPS must obtain a warrant under the same conditions as a search warrant provides protections to individual right to privacy.

Should such laws be brought in, the scope of which such surveillance could be used would need to be infinitesimally small and of such tight control that the law could not be amended to broaden the application. Indeed, if no arrests of a terrorist nature are made within the first 5 years the amendments should cease to exist. Each and every law that has been enacted in QLD should be reviewed to consider the application of such an expiry to ensure the ever encroaching jackboots are held at bay.

2. The removal of the requirement to report such abuses of private citizens right to privacy is very telling, in that it is of such an extensive nature already that the minister must comb through hundreds of names to ensure that there has been no impropriety.

3. Increasing the availability of people's private information and making it available through any digital portal in this era of hackers and international meddling could only serve to further embarrass our already red faced IT gurus. There is no system that belongs to any government department that could provide a level of security that would allow any right thinking individual to allow greater plastering of their information across the digital landscape. We do that well enough ourselves without government snooping. Any law that provides federal involvement in state matters is a fundamental erosion of the terms of federation. We need no more reason in this state to have such pressure applied to secede.

4. Drugs and alcohol legislation should be relaxed. Methamphetamine is the only drug that is completely shambolic to our community. Marijuana and drugs of limited addiction should be treated as under the same legislation as alcohol. The horse has bolted and as usual Aussies are at the back of the pack with this one. Alcohol taxes are a travesty, tobacco taxes are a travesty, now the publican is being treated like a naughty child. The police commissioner being the most responsible and mature adult of us all. You only need to visit a few emergency departments and jails to see the deleterious effects of what this sort of authoritarian nannying is doing to our society. Publicans should be allowed to operate the same as any establishment in the country. The youth of tomorrow will have no idea what a free country is if we continue to allow authoritarianism to flourish under the guise of public safety. Any legislation in this state that allows such meddling should have a time limit imposed and strict application of measuring the efficacy of the legislation. If the legislation is imposed because of safety while removing a natural freedom enjoyed in

other countries in the commonwealth it should be disallowed on the lack of any humanity or equality. Our government wants our country to seek trading parity, then our laws should be such that people of other commonwealth nations should not feel their iron grip on their throats. Such permissiveness of course would be then subject to the human rights of every individual and such that their proclivities don't contravene criminal statutes that leave victims and destruction.

I very much appreciate and value the opportunity that such submissions provide me and my fellow compatriots to have a hand in shaping the consideration of legislation to be brought in our great state and country. The vote we cast ensures our governing bodies know where their boundaries are and that authoritarian nonsense loses votes by the score. I want our government to get back in touch with a sense of humour and show they understand that the people of our great nation want to live in a relaxed and adventurous state. We don't need to go back to the 1920's and 50's to ensure public safety, just appeal to the good nature and common-sense. There will always be bad actors and no amount of lowering the legislative bar will increase our natural enjoyment of this great state.

Thank you for your time and Godspeed in your deliberations,
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