

**Police Powers (Motor Vehicle  
Impoundment) & Other  
Legislation Bill 2012  
Submission 011**

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this to express my concern over the proposed changes to the already standing legislation. There are many areas of the current proposed legislation I do not agree with, I feel should it be passed it will give the officers too much power of discretion and I do not believe they will fairly enforce the law. My understanding is that it is illegal to single out a minority for persecution but it would seem that is just what happens now with police and queensland traffic defect stations being set up outside most major vehicle events. Surely anyone who looks at the statistics would see with regards to "burnouts" the punishment does not fit the crime, with a persons vehicle being able to be confiscated for 90 days! Yet I fail to find data that suggest people die doing burnouts when we have the data that shows people die from drink driving yet we go light on that in comparison. In my opinion burnouts are more of a public nuisance than that a danger, yes I will admit that this sort of activity carries a certain level of risk but the law doesn't fairly represent that as it would be a type 1 offence,(clause 6 (1)(a)). This legislation also allows for an untrained officer to say a certain vehicle is defective and then your car can be taken for a period of 1 week, should you have been found to have a defective vehicle on a previous occasion.(division 1 A , 74 c). What frustrates me most about these proposed laws is that it will do little for road safety and will for the most part be a revenue raiser and vote winner as it will look to the general public. As a young queenslander I have spent a few years and easily a house deposit modifying my car to be inside the ADR's (australian design rules ). As a fitter and turner it was the engineering challenge that attracted me to such a project and to now feel a target of police and law makers even though i'm an upstanding citizen is quite distressing, Had I of known that down the track law makers would design such laws I most likely would of wasted my money as most people my age do,That attitude is a concern as i'm sure there will be people putting building vehicles in the too hard basket, such action will have an economical flow on effect in the community. I'm in the process of buying an in car camera not to protect myself legally from crashes with other road users but to protect myself from the draconian new laws and their incorrect implementation ! To me this is sad that i'm made to feel this way in a free and open democracy . In all fairness since I have registered my modified car I have not once been pulled over in queensland, but in the past I have come across officers with clear motives and objectives. It concerns me we would be handing them the power to seize my vehicle, I ask that you refute any changes to the over zealous laws that are already in place! Have you any questions i'd be glad to answer them.

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