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**To:** [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)  
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Thank you for the chance to provide feedback on the Summary Offences and Other Legislation Bill before it goes into effect

I, among many others, have significant concerns regarding the proposed laws surrounding 'dangerous devices'

I am writing to urge the committee to reject this bill on the basis that these laws are overreaching and not evidence-based.

The proposal to class modified lock-on devices as risks to public safety are founded on the claim that activists use them as 'booby traps' despite the lack of any real evidence for this. Additionally, despite the definition of 'dangerous attachment device' being one that "reasonably appears to be constructed or modified to cause injury to any person if there is an attempt to interfere with the device," yet also includes re-enforced devices.(referred to in the bill as "sleeping dragons" and "dragons dens") there is nothing dangerous about cutting someone out of these devices, it just takes longer. This contradictory language leads me to question the validity of the case for public safety that these laws are founded on.

Additionally, I am concerned by the excessive increase in police discretionary powers present in this bill, which only increases their already broad stop and search powers in Queensland. It gives police the power to search people and even apprehend vehicles without a warrant, based solely on suspicion. This will likely be applied arbitrarily, especially as non dangerous devices as specified by the bill include things as mundane as rope and glue, these laws are ripe for possible exploitation.

The ability for police to issue fines for activities related to protesting allows them to decide which activities and protests they consider 'legitimate.' As peaceful civil disobedience has (and continues to be) one of the most powerful engines for change, it is never considered legitimate. The successes of indigenous, women's, LGBT+ civil rights struggles (among many others) were heavily reliant on civil disobedience. To prevent peaceful protest is to inhibit our development as a society and threatens the future of our democracy.

I urge the members of the committee not to pass this bill

Thank you,  
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