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Dear Members,

Please accept my feedback on the Summary Offences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

I do not support these new laws and am concerned that they provide excessive police powers.

Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 already contains broad stop and search powers in Queensland, and there are already too many examples of the liberal application of these laws to conduct searches on people suspected of being involved in activism.

Activism has a long rich history in the Labor movement and should not be eroded.

The Fitzgerald Report outlines the impact of greater police discretion. It is likely that these new powers could be applied in discriminatory ways.

I do not support Police having increased authority to issue fines for activities related to protesting. Vesting police with discretion on whether certain protest activities constitute an offence will be disastrous.

The justification for new criminal offences and police search powers is weak and any perceived benefits are outweighed by the potential loss of people's right to protest and the potential for police misuse of powers.

I have attended many protests in Qld and have never seen a booby trapping device used. Which supports my belief that this is a rare if ever used strategy and does not warrant this response.

Similar laws in Western Australia were abandoned in 2015 after extensive criticism from human rights and advocacy groups, including the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Please weigh up the potential broad impact of these changes and do not allow them to progress.

Yours sincerely,
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