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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
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I wish to make a submission to the Committee regarding the Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

I wish to lodge an objection to the changing of the present laws. Since 2013 when these laws were implemented there has been a decrease in crime coupled with a greater feeling of safety amongst the community. Police have greater powers to arrest offenders who previously would have escaped the law.

It seems illogical to take away what has been proven to work. Why make it easier for criminals to engage in anti-social behaviour to the detriment of the community. Who wants to see another Broadbeach cafe brawl with 50 bikie gang members fighting in front of innocent families enjoying a Friday night out in a restaurant and then having the Southport police station besieged by these gang members demanding their friends be let out. No way should we back off on the present laws which have proven so effective in stamping out this sort of behaviour.

I would question why there is a move to change these laws when the majority of Queenslanders feel safer under the present laws, these laws have proven effective and are backed up with statistics that show crime rates have decreased since their inception.

I would be grateful for the committee to be made aware of my concerns.

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