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Hi All,

My name is Dallas and I'm 32 years of age. I am a former infantry soldier of the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion RAR based in Townsville QLD and have been deployed twice on operations for my country. I have been riding motorcycles since I was a young child and it is still a passion I have today and I'm proud to say that I am a member of a social motorcycle club, a club that is based and founded on by the current and ex serving members of the Australian Defense Force. My club is a community of people that have an understanding of what it is like to face situations such as those encountered on operations for our country and provides a safe and positive atmosphere for those returning soldiers our country has turned away and refuses to help. Our club has raised money for numerous charities with the main being The Legacy Foundation. Each year a ride is organized around the Townsville area and we have in attendance of 120 riders plus 40 pillions and each year we raise over \$8000 which is more than the local RSL club.

All this good work that has been done from not only my club but all other clubs (SMC, MMC and Outlaw) has now been tampered with and hindered since the inception of the VLAD Laws carried out by the unnecessary and aggressive power eluded police force. Their campaign against all motorcyclist is at best unethical and shameful and is more often than not inhuman and disrespectful.

I know of numerous friends and family who have been subject to the above conditions, where they are pulled over (without making and illegal offence) and have been questioned and interrogated, searched and photographed and made to wait long periods of time for no reason at all other than the police feel power hungry because of the laws passed by our government allowing them to hold a person based on the fact they ride a motorcycle.

With the introduction of the Palaszczuk government new laws you will no doubt add to the already everyday stresses of ALL motorcyclist on our roads. These new laws do not only target those involved in criminal activity but will enable police to further carry on their over the top, power hungry, abusive tactics against law abiding citizens. The government may say that "Social Motorcycle Clubs will not be affected by the laws" but the government is so clueless as to what really happens on the ground and in the public.

There should never exist a law that says it is ok to disrupt, photograph and interrogate a grieving person at a loved ones funeral

There should never exist a law that says it is ok to treat me as a criminal ever though I have never been convicted of a crime

There should never exist a law that says it is ok to tell me what cloths to wear and how to wear them

And there sure as hell should not be a laws that tells me who I can and cannot have as my friends

What empowers the government and police to have the control over the above points?

These laws are ruining lives and destroying honest fundraising events.

These laws are everything my government asked me to fight against when they removed me from my family and sent me overseas with a bunch of other likeminded individuals wearing the same colors and doing good things for the community

Our government has failed us already but they have a chance to redeem themselves by stopping the Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 and allowing riders to continue to do what they love to do...RIDE

Regards,

**Dallas**

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