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**The Research Director,
Legal Affairs & Community Safety Committee,
Qld Parliament.
Brisbane. Qld. 4001.**

**Subject: Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Bill
2016**

Dear Research Director,

I write as a resident of Queensland to acquaint you of my strong opposition to the Qld Labor Government's Serious and Organized Crime Legislation Amendment Bill 2016. which is being reviewed by the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee. I agree with the laws that were introduced by the previous Government in 2013 to deal with criminal gangs and all forms of organized crime and since that time crime has significantly decreased across Queensland.

I am at a loss to understand why any Government should seek to water down these laws and put the citizens at a much greater risk of harm. The gangs would return to Qld and thumb their noses at the Police and the Courts and defy a weak Government. I can only conclude that the Labor Govt hates conservative politics so much that they are willing to compromise public safety in order to overturn laws that the previous Govt made.

**I am opposed to scrapping the VLAD laws. They are working!
Removing the powers of the Police which would empower the bikie gangs. How irresponsible is that?
Even watering down strong penalties. What deterrent is that?
Removing the mandatory one year jail time for serious assault of a Police Officer if committed by a participant in a criminal organization. How crazy is that? Are they inviting these criminals to kill Police Officers?
Watering down the bail provisions for these criminals. What does that do for Police morale?**

ALSO – making it easier for criminal gang members to get a weapon licence? Are they mad? These criminals can get a weapon anyway. They should not have a licenced weapon!

These are just some of the elements of their ridiculous Bill to invite crime not decrease it. What is their real reason for this? Do they want to create anarchy? These are violent criminals the Police are dealing with and they should be dealt with severely not mollycoddled!

In my opinion, there is no justifiable reason that these laws should be changed in order to suit the criminal elements in our society. It just makes no sense at all other than to denigrate the previous Government. Any elements of the COA laws (Labor’s previous laws) that would remain will be as useless as dealing with organized crime as they were when put in place by Labor in the first place.

Is there no regard for the much greater expense on the public purse that changing the laws would impose?

I would also point out that Union members which support the Labor Party have been known to associate with various members of the outlaw bikie clubs.

The community is a safer place because of these laws and I would urge members of the Committee to put the people of Queensland first and not be swayed by spurious arguments from the Socialist left wing of politics as to why they should be replaced.

Yours sincerely,

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