

Inquiry Secretary
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing my submission concerning the Serious Organised Crime Legislation Amendment bill. I am very concerned with the consorting laws, the prohibition of colours and tattoo laws. . I am a law abiding citizen and I believe there have always been enough laws in place already to target everyone. They just have to be used. We have seen Vlad attack basic human rights on a group of people that committed less than 0.06% of crime then over 150 million spent on no convictions of bikers. We have also seen laws be brought in that take away the separation of powers between government, police and the judicial system. It is not up to politicians to be able to declare people, organisations. This the duty of our judges in a court of law. These laws brought in by Newman government and still in place through Labors reign are attacking basic principles of freedom. Now with the new laws again they attack whom we talk to and now what we wear. Where does this stop??? Politicians should not be able to make these laws.

More police less crime, not more laws! Commonsense!We continuously here there are not enough police. Answer: employ more. This bill now attacks the rights of innocent people who are friends with people who have been convicted of a crime. Wouldn't you want people on the wrong road in life consorting with people who haven't committed crimes to help in their rehabilitation. People that have been rehabilitated and want to make a fresh start will not be given any motivation to do this. You could look at it as why bother rehabilitating when you are always going to be treated as a criminal and then your friends who try to support you are charged for knowing you. It only takes a police officer with a dislike for you to cause havoc in your life . Thus Leaving people who have offended with no one .Once you take everything away from someone you are pushing people to a dangerous low..I do not believe consorting laws will work just cause more innocent people being targeted. Exactly like Vlad.

These new laws also make me think that when all police power is put on 0.06% of crime our government is NOT trying to stop crime at all. I understand that this is being broadened to other areas in crime but there is still to big a focus on the minority. .We have watched crime rise, especially Ice while Vlad has been in place. You see international crime groups all being left alone all because they do not have a patch on their back. It was a billion dollar ice shipment in Sydney recently then others , no biker involvement at all. It seems like you can't see them and they don't stand out so what is the problem..... it beggars beyond belief that this continues with the new laws stopping colours, club houses etc. True criminals do not wear a patch on their back as that would bring attention to their activities. In my eyes the government is not trying to stop crime. A judge is the only one who should be declaring criminal organisations not a politician. This is stepping way out of their boundaries.

Colors::: This is scary days when a government can tell you what to wear and what intimidates whom. We all walk in different lives. We are all different and should be allowed to wear whatever attire we choose. Once again true criminals blend in they do not want attention so stopping colours will no way stop crime. There are so many different people in club attire from Kick boxers, Footy players, Priests and then people in suits ..All can be intimidating to people. I know that one lot of migrants dress intimidates many but they are allowed to wear their chosen attire. This is ridiculous in a free society that you are even

thinking of banning colours. On the flip side of this colours let police and public know whom bikers are. By taking their colours they could be anyone so by doing this the gateway has been opened to harass all members of public as MC members. This is already happening but will now be at a wider scale. Once again while this harassment continues crime rises through the true criminals being given a free reign.

The liquor licensing and banning of club houses.

Everybody is an individual and should be treated as such in the eyes of the law. Why ban clubhouses when you have footy clubs etc that crime can happen at. What about ban churches cause of the priests. This is total discrimination to hit motorcyclists for their clubhouses. If the police believe crime is happening their raids the place. But first make sure there is evidence to substantiate this. Basically what it all comes down to is nobody or nowhere should be shut down on a politician's say so. It should be on evidence on crimes going on and then fought in a court of law

The same with the tattoo industry.

If the crime is happening use normal police powers. If the tattoo studio is criminal and evidence is there. Then use laws on people. But at this stage bikers are run out of an industry they helped make safe like it is today. I'm sure if these crimes were happening we would have heard of the arrests which we have not at all. Only innocent people having their livelihoods taken away because they are in an MC. Once these laws go through there should be no stay till July next year. This is purposely destroying livelihoods of people who have been fighting this already for a long time. Nowhere in the laws does it ask if the person can draw, tattoo etc which you would have hoped that came into some consideration instead of secret evidence, MC, only reason being disqualified. This is wrong and an attack on basic rights to work.

All this saddens me that all this is happening in Australia in this day and age.

Lastly I would like to say I know first hand what these laws have done to people. My family has been affected hugely. My son's father is fighting charges of having a beer three yrs ago. Reporting 3 times a week till recently. NO prior charges. He works hard and these laws have lost him jobs and his home. He was brought up in boys homes due to no father when young. He saw atrocities of the priests etc. This is how he became a biker they are his family which has nearly been taken away from him. No government should say who we can and can not be friends with.

This is a dictatorship not a government when laws like these are being passed. Please think hard while making these new laws. Innocent people are being torn apart. Take advice from the task force on bikers only committing 0.06% of crime. The evidence and all the stats are there. I believe if this government was serious on stopping crime they would use the laws they had before Vlad and do proper policing with proper evidence

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