From:

To: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Subject: Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

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Public Submission

I write in reference to the ammended Tattoo Parlour Act 2013, under the heading above. As an Ex Tattoo Parlour Operator, the VLAD Suite clearly affected many, including those of complete innocent record. By description, one could be deemed a Controlled Person, merely by buying Professional and Lefal supplies, simply by these purchases, and profit from them, if going to a deemed Criminality. Regardless of the Purchaser being aware or not, of the deemed Criminality. Frankly disgusting creation of Guilt.

The Ammendment proposed, whilst upholds a Licensing Schedule, I submit against and call for immediate Moratorium, with a Full Repeal of the Tattoo Parlour Act 2013. Both create a License of little merit, if at all, on the Industry, yet address nothing of the Industry.

The association or creation of Guilt, caused many Business closures, and in turn loss of revenue for Council and State Governances. This unemployment caused extra burden onto the Federal Governance, and frankly destroyed Families, bankrupting some, and created an unemployable position on Citizens.

The Act affected many in varying ways, hoever the provision of Police measures on the Business, must surely be unconstitutional, to said Business through Freedom of Trade provisions, however also on the Public as clientelle, imposed the potential of Criminality, merely by attending said Business.

The ammended version, removes Criminality based License approvals, however, if there is no Criminality, the requirement of the License in itself, is still an imposed or assumed Criminality, by having to provide Finger and Palm Prints, and the ongoing Licensing conditions.

The License, if cant be assessed on Criminality, then there is no appropriate necessity of requiring to apply, nor the Fee up to \$1200+ a year. This clearly is a mere payment to be monitored, based on a still assumed Criminality, simply because of the particular Industry. Discrimination by any other means.

Application timeframes, caused major disruptions for Businesses, and those wanting to enter the Industry, as what Employer can hold a Position, up to over 12mths, some over 2 years, for advice of application. Ridiculous imposition.

How can a Business startup, when needing location, Health renovations and approvals, Staff Certification and Business Licenses all having to be done on top, some before applying for this Qld Tattoo License.

This cost can be very substantial, and if declined, ongoing costs of location Leases that needed to be secured, for a Business that frankly cannot Trade.

Again, I ask for a Moratorium of Qld Tattoo Parlour Act 2013, Full repeal of the ammended Licensing Scheme also, and allow these Unemployed People there Right to earn incomes. A mere \$50 Suitability Check through the QPS could suffice, on top of current measures needed already, and allow revenue and Trade to flow.

Sincerely, Ben Rankin