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**To:** [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Submission on the Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Bill 2016  
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Dear Research Director,

I write as a resident of Queensland to lodge my strong opposition to the Palaszczuk Labour Government's Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (Labour's bill) that is being reviewed by the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee.

The laws that were introduced in 2013 to deal with criminal gangs and all forms of organised crime in Queensland have been working and the results speak for themselves.

In 2014, crime significantly decreased on the Gold Coast.

- Homicide reduced by 21.4%
- Assaults reduced by almost 2%
- Robbery reduced by 17.2%
- Unlawful entry reduced by 27%
- Car theft reduced by almost 18%
- Drug offences increased by 29.4% meaning that more drugs were off our streets.

I want to lodge the following opposition to elements of Labour's bill:

- Scrapping the VLAD laws;
- Removing important police powers, such as their ability to stop, search and detain a participant in a criminal organisation based on reasonable suspicion and removing the circumstance of aggravation for evading police;
- Generally watering down a number of strong penalties;
- Removing the fit and proper person test from certain industries that encourage criminal gang members to have an honest job;

Kind regards

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