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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 Labor Government's Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (Labor'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 across Queensland:

- Assaults reduced by 3.7%
- Robbery reduced by 24.8%
- Unlawful entry reduced by 17.4%
- Car theft reduced by 19.4%
- Drug offences increased by 23.7% meaning that more drugs were off our streets.

I want to lodge the following opposition to elements of Labor'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;
- Scrapping the anti-association provisions (60A) and clubhou

Regards

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