

**Department of Justice & Attorney General**

ATTENTION: Taskforce into Organised Crime - SUBMISSIONS TO THE TASKFORCE

Tuesday 4th August, 2015

To Who this Concerns,

I have been full time employed for the last years and am a Father living in Queensland. I write this as my submission to the Taskforce Inquiry into the introduction of so called Organised Crime legislation in 2013, specifically in reference to Inquiry Area 5 – All amendments made to the Queensland Criminal Code (including the Criminal Code (Criminal Organisations) Regulation 2013) in the 2013 legislation, and the *Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment Act 2013*.

I have been involved with Motorcycles and the Motorcycle Club lifestyle most of my adult life, and I strongly deny the allegations that while doing this I have participated in a Criminal Organisation. Referring to the Terms of Reference, specifically: 1. All provisions within the listed legislation; and 2. The Prosecution of persons charged with committing a criminal offence/s or an aggravated offence/s created by the 2013 legislation.

Prior to the legislation I had secure full time employment, a healthy and active social life, and a huge love and interest in motorcycles. I have always had a strong work ethic, been of good character, and been a committed family member. Now, under the new legislation I am labelled a criminal, due to my association with a motorcycle club which is also now labelled a criminal organisation. I now can't meet with more than one friend in public or ride motorbikes in groups with my mates like I love to do, I can't go out for dinner or anywhere else in public with my friends or family if it's a licenced venue, all this and more due to the misconceived and alleged opinions of who I am and what I do, who my friends and family are, and because of the tattoos that I chose to bear.

Friends and family used to visit and approach me freely they are now hesitant to for fear they may be innocently incriminated, for no other reason except for the introduction of these amendments. I have missed the funerals of friends, because of these amendments, friends who I will never get the chance to farewell again. Not only myself but so many others have been presumed guilty without any proof of a criminal act being conducted. All this wasted time and money, slander, unjust treatment, all of this, due to the 2013 Legislation.

I believe the outcome of the introduction of the 2013 Legislation is a complete, gross injustice and breach of human rights to innocent people of Queensland. Criminal Legislation is already in place in order to prosecute those who breach the law. The 2013 Legislation is a complete discrimination to those who don't, but who the 2013 legislation presumes, do.

I strongly urge the Queensland Government to repeal and replace the 2013 legislation and return the rights of all Queenslanders.

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