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The Manager

Taskforce into Organised Crime

Dept Justice and Attorney General

Queensland

Dear Sir

My wife and I are Age Pensioners who live on the Gold Coast. It is obvious to anyone who frequents the Gold Coast that criminal motorcycle gangs are a threat to the safety of the general public. Over time they have come to believe they are above the law and can act with impunity by standing over members of the public. We have witnessed a group who parked about six motorcycles across the footpath on Marine Parade, Coolangatta when they couldn't find parking close to the café they wanted to go to. Pedestrians including women with young children were forced to walk around onto the roadway because of their actions. No one was game to say anything to them for fear of reprisal. It is a sad state of affairs when the Queensland public cannot walk down the street on a Sunday morning without fearing for their safety.

**We implore you to not change the anti-bikie laws introduced by the previous government.** Law-abiding citizens are always prepared to trade off so-called "freedoms" in return for public safety.

Yours sincerely