

My name is [REDACTED] and I am making a submission to the review board on the impacts to me, from the VLAD legislation passed by the Newman LNP Government in 2013.

I am [REDACTED] years old and have been riding motorcycles since I was 18 years old. I am currently working for a [REDACTED], where I have been employed for 30 years. In addition I have worked for another [REDACTED] for 13 year before that. I have risen to a senior management role in both these organisations. In all this time I have never committed any crime whatsoever.

However I am a member of a social motorcycle club called American and British Motorcycle Club. This club supports another motorcycle club that the Newman LNP government claims is a criminal organisation. I have been told by lawyers, I have personally engaged that I am classed as an associate due to my support of this motorcycle club. This has meant that I am unable to ride or be with any of my friends and people I support anywhere in Queensland. It is difficult to describe the angst and anger that this has caused. An example is the total feeling of loss, as I have been unable to have my usual Friday night drink and socialising with my friends because they are arbitrarily declared part of a criminal organisation.

I have been unable to ride with my friends as a club for fear of being placed in gaol for min 6 months as it is impossible for us to prove that the club I am in and the club I support are declared criminal gangs by the Newman LNP government.

I have been treated with suspicion and sometime outright hostility by other members of the public, simply because of these laws.

I have also been in discussion with the Human Resource group in my employer's organisation on the potential impact these laws have on my 30 years on service. At this point the impact is unclear and is causing needless concern for my wife and I due to the uncertainty of my situation.

Part of the support I have for the club named by the Newman LNP government is I wear a small patch declaring my support on my riding vest. I am unable to go to any licensed venue with this name on my clothes. To means that any hotel, bike or show, is off limits unless I want take of the clothing I wear whilst riding my motorcycle. Prior to these laws being enacted I have never been barred or even spoken to by a licensee or QPS for any issues, however because I wear this patch declaring support for a bunch of guys I am deemed too unreliable to drink at a licensed venue.

This has had a significant impact to my personal life and I have now got to the point that I am continually looking over my shoulder waiting to be targeted by an overzealous QPS force.

As a citizen of Queensland I am asking you to please remove this draconian legislation that is not only unnecessary but is causing considerable hardship to myself and hundreds of others in the same situation as I am.