

take the gov or police on (ARE THEY ABOVE THE LAW) We are all accountable for our actions and equally judged. Yet these new laws say differently

I had 3 girls working for me and they have all moved on, I will not be able to get them back, And my husband has lost his job. I have lost 4 staff. I have had to sell our investment property for a loss of \$70,000 to pay out our mortgage on our home as it was mortgaged for [REDACTED]. I was made to sign a disclaimer to say that I could not seek any compensation if a wrong decision was made in the licencing or I would have been rejected on the spot. This reads blackmail to me and I voiced this to Fair Trading back in Feb 2014 and was told that if I didn't sign My licence would be rejected. Also I told the police I was uncomfortable with having to have my finger prints taken as I had not committed any crime. Again I was told that I didn't have a choice.

I contacted Campbell Newman to see him and the cabinet when they came to [REDACTED], He agreed to see me and 3 days before they came I had a phone call from his department to say that my invitation was denied as it would be a conflict of interest. After that I contacted the Ombudsman and he advised me to go and see my local rep here in [REDACTED] at the time he was the minister for police. However I was told I should have been directed to [REDACTED] as I live in [REDACTED] and she was head of [REDACTED]. I went and seen [REDACTED] and he said he could not help me and went on about how good the police in [REDACTED] were. And If we (LABOUR) were elected they would be keeping the new laws but would be twigging them. I hadn't made an appointment to see you when you were in [REDACTED] last fortnight as I was not aware of you coming. And I did see you on Television, and [REDACTED] was with you, so I really don't believe you would have done anything for me.

Campbell Newman came on the 7.30 Report after my storey was run and said he would personally come to [REDACTED] on the Mon to look into our case, As I stated earlier on the show that this was an injustice and he stated that he was not into injustice. I have not see him or anyone. Again only to look good on TV. The commissioner of police Ian Stewart and the commissioner of Office of Fair Trading [REDACTED] both declined to come on the show. However Mr Rashford commented in the Morning Bulletin on the following day, that the 340 or so Tattoo Studios that were operating in Queensland only 200 or so had actually applied. Indicating that the other 100 odd had something to hide and was why they didn't apply. And I called him the following day and pointed this out to him that this comment is really deceiving the public. As I believed the other 100 odd were in clubs and were told that if they were in a club. They would be denied a licence, And I reminded him that why would they pay you guys \$1000 to \$3000 for licencing knowing full well they would be denied. Also Christina the reporter from the 7.30 report spoke with someone from the police department when they declined the invite to attend the show, and then she said how can the police deny my Licence, even if they are going by [REDACTED] conviction 10 years ago. And that when does he stop paying for his crime and that he has turned his life around and attends church and bible study and has stayed out of trouble since, The officer who spoke to her said that he had other convictions, because she asked me what, I told her this was not true and she went onto say that he said he also had a charge of an unlawful weapon and tattooing a minor (Both to do with the same case) But I also reminded her that when they took my husband into custody they went out to our home in [REDACTED] were we lived and went though our home they did not find anything [REDACTED]

They failed to mention the cupboard full of guns we had at [REDACTED] all registered. And on that matter they were more concerned with my husbands involvement with the Rebels than his crime. They were calling him [REDACTED]. And they ran a storey in the Courier Mail stating that a member of the [REDACTED] club was charged in [REDACTED] n. And I remember at the time that the [REDACTED] in Brisbane rang up [REDACTED] here and asked what was going on and that this was a lie(they thought [REDACTED] had made the statement. They actually had the courier mail print an apology the following day.

I am not condoning my husbands crime, My husband had a breakdown at the time and our marriage went through a hard time. [REDACTED] joined the Baptist Church about 12months after and has tried to atone his mistakes. When is he allowed to move on. He made a mistake and has been punished enough. We don't drink or smoke, [REDACTED] has a social drink, we loath drugs and have never touched drugs. We live simple lives, we both work hard and always have. We have no connection with the [REDACTED] apart from Knowing [REDACTED]. Which we have know well before they joined the [REDACTED]. We did run our tattoo

show at the [REDACTED] club house each year(This is not a crime and most studios in the cities do run their Shows through clubs- Even lots that have been approved. And [REDACTED] has rode on their poker and Charity Runs. This I stated in an interview with police, who came to my home when the laws were laid out and I was told that everyone was required to do the interview as it was part of the licencing process and all would be doing it, [REDACTED] was away and I did the interview in good will and spoke all truth. However that my 3 sons and our other 4 staff were not interviewed the same or asked the same questionair. Also the girls [REDACTED] both have attended Tattoo Shows as for our sons. So this does not seem right.

. There are 2 boys that have been granted lic in [REDACTED] that have drug convictions and still have their lic one in particular had been charged with drugs in his system and had lost his car lic and still has his Tattoo Lic. I don't understand one law for one and different for others. These new VLAD Laws will allow for corruption . as the police do not even have to give a reason they simply only have to say that you are being under investigation and do not have to give reason SO VERY WRONG. If I am turned down I will not be silenced I will be personally filing a definition case on the Qld Police and the government. My name has been tarnished here in [REDACTED] We are simple people we work hard and stick to ourselves. We do not deserve this and it is starting to put a lot of strain on our relationship. We just want to get on with our lives

[REDACTED]

My husband is not a [REDACTED] and never has been a member. I believe We have been treated unfairly and not to the degree of the law. Also [REDACTED] one of our employees was tattooing a police officer and he questioned about [REDACTED] working on our back roof. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. We have a legal right to engage who ever we want. He is not under our employment and never has, However he has done several jobs for us. He was the foreman at the big new [REDACTED] complex built last year he must also be in their employment, Real ly cannot get my head around this?

I even rang a police department of Justice as advised by the onbudsmans office in Oct, to ask them if they could come and interview myself and my husband as there has been some mistake. I was advised I need to follow the process of the review, and they couldn't do that.

I don't understand how they can deny our licence, without any convictions or reason. I am assuming that it is in relation to the Association part of the Tattoo licencing. Which is so unlawful. And if this is the case they are not following the laws to the exact text, as we own the [REDACTED] our sons are in and if we are deemed associates we should not be landlords.

Bikies and people with Drug convictions are still operating and have had their licences granted. We were bluntly denied and told we can appeal. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

What really mystifies me is I applied for a 2nd hand licence and it was granted and put my husband down

as Associate and we got a similar letter from Fair Trading to explain his public nuisance offense back in Oct. Because we had to get references from the pastors at our church and I helped [REDACTED] do a letter up to explain. I really don't understand how we can be granted a 2nd hand lic and not a Operators lic for studio. We are the same people. I believe there is one law for one and another for others.

I have broken no laws, and the bikies that started all this on the Gold Coast went to trail a few weeks ago and have all gotten off and hardly any charges laid. How can these laws be working. You commit a crime you do the time. Our legal system stinks. And is unjust. These laws are going to allow for corruption.

Everybody I speak to tells me to get legal advise, and pass me around to someone else. I cannot afford the Lawyers as they wanted me to pay another \$4000 in Jan to proceed, I will be representing myself if need be I will not go away and if my licence is denied, I believe I should be given a reason. These laws are so wrong you are classed guilty on word of police and anyone that comes forward are exempt from prosecution because they are protected by these laws. These laws go against all that our legal system represents.

You are guilty and need to prove your innocence, This goes against our civil rights to be trailed, you are innocent until proven guilty.

And back to the issue of how this turns out I have been closed down for 11 months now and have had my name in this town tarnished, I had to sell our Investment property at a loss of \$70,000. To pay out our Mortgage on our home that was for our Business. As we were scared at how this was going to turn out. I only have Superannuation with [REDACTED] for the past 10 years, My husband has no Super at all. I am [REDACTED] years old and my husband is [REDACTED]. We are too old to be going through this, Our lives have been turned upside down, We have not committed any crimes and lead simple lives we have [REDACTED] Children between us and [REDACTED] grandchildren. We only have a handful of close friends and stick to ourselves. We hardly leave our home. We go to the [REDACTED] for tea every Friday night. We go to church on a Sunday night. [REDACTED] attends mens group on a Weds night most weeks with chaps from our Church. And the only other passion [REDACTED] has he loves his movies and will go to the Cinemas when he can. We love to travel and we do travel when we can otherwise this is basically our life, I really don't know what we have supposed to have done wrong. I have been wrongly accused and will fight this on principle. And the longer I am closed the more I will be seeking compensation. I was told I had 28days to appeal, I did so within 7days. If I did not meet this time frame, what would have happened to me, It would have possibly been thrown out and disregarded. It is now 11 MONTHS, and they haven't even made a decision how they will proceed. SURELY THEY SHOULD ADHEASE to a Timeframe. Will they be lawful if this carries on for another 12 months. I should have been allowed to stay open like all the others until this was determined. or if it was only 1 or 2 months I could have recouped my loses. Will they get to my case eventually and then say oh well we made a mistake, you can open now. Well its too late for my shop I can not go back to it as it was. I have last 3 girls that have moved on and [REDACTED] is pretty well broken. He is on Anti depressants, he is diabetic and is on Heart medication. He has scored a job with [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) .However he has tattooed here in [REDACTED] for the past 30 years. And has no experience in anything else, who would employ a [REDACTED] year old tattooist. He should be allowed to continue with his profession of his choice. The stupid thing with these laws is that he can come in tomorrow and do cosmetic Tattooing and don't need a Licence at all and be legal, this is discrimination, he is still the same person. However he would make more money with cosmetic procedures, but his eyesight is deteriorating and and it involves a lot of precision as you are tattooing in sensitive and delicate areas.

If we get the licence back [REDACTED] will probably work on his own and we will keep the 2nd hand Dealers Lic

We have not attended any Tattoo Shows since the laws were brought out and in regards to the Shows we have been attending them for the past 25 years or so and I have never encountered and wrong doing, fights or any unlawful activity at all in all that time. I personally would prefer to go to one of their functions , also my children, Rather than a Night club or Hotel. I personally have always felt safe there and have seen the [REDACTED] boys call Taxis for girls and Lads that have been intoxicated and out of control. I have even witnessed them calling parents of one girl to come and collect her.

We only used to go to the Club house for the Tattoo Shows once a year, or Special occasions like invited Birthdays, anniversaries, weddings etc. Otherwise it is not really our scene. Again even if it was our scene, we have not broken any laws or participated in any wrong doing.

Basically I am tired and worn out, Surely someone can see all this for what it is. I am a Christian and treat all people equal, and always will, and I will not lie to save my reputation, or my job. And expect to be treated the same. I don't only have Bikies for friends. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I do not hide behind my church and try and live a good life (I am not perfect, but definitely do not deserve what is happening. I just want some closure. Also my job with [REDACTED] requires me to have a police check every 2 years and I have also acquired a Blue Card since my rejection. Yet the police deem me a threat to public interest to run a Tattoo Studio. Something I feel is discriminational and bias.

[REDACTED] was transferred to [REDACTED] at Xmas. We have never been separated in all the [REDACTED] years we have been together. Is it going to cost me my marriage. That was when I made the decision to apply for our 2nd Hand Dealers Lic. As I was not coping without my husband. And now he has full time work with [REDACTED] he works 4 days on and 4 days off and I work 7 days on and 7days off with [REDACTED] we can only run the shop when we can so we have no set hours and this is a sure way of losing customers. As they say we are never open. And [REDACTED] can not give his job up at the dump as we know he is bringing home his \$800 a week to pay the bills.

Hoping you can help us put a end to all this and let us get on with our lives.