

To whom it may concern,

I write this out of the fear for my family and many other families future. This fear was born with the introduction of the LNP's so called anti bikie laws and the Tattoo laws that were introduced with the purpose of combating bikie involvement in organised crime But instead have been used against many motor bike riders who are not involved in crime but may in some way be associated with some one that is a member of one of the declared clubs [ thats declared clubs not clubs proven to be criminal gangs as dubbed by police] first some one is charged mostly with very little evidence then with the very costly trial you may prove your innocence , I believe that the reason the police are backing these laws is that it is very easy to charge a lot of people and at first sight it seems they are cleaning up a problem but as it has been the conviction rate is very low witch is the bottom line when it comes to cleaning up a problem.

The targeting of organised crime is essential to the

safety of all Queenslanders and I believe has the full support of all Queenslanders ["except of course those involved in organised crime "] anyone involved in crime would be happy for the police spend all their time and resources on anything but the real organised crime for obvious reasons . So far the police have not been very successful with only having charged very few bikies with serious crime offences. In fact most of the charges that have been laid against bikies have been for low level crime which is in line with all criminologist reports that bikies are mainly involved or responsible for low level crime . The 2012 ACC report also states that bikies as a whole are not involved in organised crime but rather some bikies coupled with others from outside the bike clubs do operate as organised crime groups . Crime gangs exist in all walks of society and they operate with disguise and with the help of others in order to avoid detection [ organised crime can not exist without corruption of some degree] . Since the targeting of bikies has began crime has risen and the drug ice in plague proportion in our towns & cities this is a devastating drug and needs urgent attention but while police are focusing on bikies the real organised crime goes unchecked .

## Tattoo Licensing

When the laws were introduced I had been the the owner of a tattoo business for the past 15 years, now

with 15 people working in three shops, it became very obvious in late 2013 that police were targeting members of motor cycle clubs regardless of whether they were involved in crime or not, even if you had no or very little criminal history you would not be granted a license to operate a tattoo business nor would you be allowed to work in many other industries . My staff were told "unofficially" by police that I would never get a license for the business and police even visited the local council in one town that I know to enlist the help of the local council in trying to revoke my health license i've also had over 25 visits to my residence by police since late 2013, so I decided the only option was to disassociate myself from the tattoo industry as i simply do not have the money to fight this in court, I did this by handing all the business over to my wife [REDACTED] as it was my belief i would not be granted a licence because of my alleged association with the rebels motorcycle club so as of the [REDACTED] I have not been involved in the tattoo industry in any way, except to visit [REDACTED] at her work with my son [REDACTED] on a couple of occasions, [REDACTED] is also the owner of two of the buildings that the tattoo business rent the properties are mortgaged. I have moved on and started a [REDACTED] business with our youngest son [REDACTED] I also am the carer for our son [REDACTED]

I recently attended interview at the request of the police concerning my wife [REDACTED] application for a tattoo operators license . Although the police have not

officially made a decision about [REDACTED] license yet ,they informed me that they would be using a case file from nsw where someone was refused a license because of his alleged associations with the rebels. This would be in direct contravention of the high court in that these laws would not affect family members or innocent people who merely know or whom are related to alleged members of declared motorcycle clubs. why should my wife not be allowed to work in the tattoo industry purely because she is married to me. [REDACTED] has no criminal record and has only ever had a few traffic fines I myself have very little history in fact last time I was in court the judge commented how my record was less than some 15 year olds , Myself I am faced with making a decision do I have to divorce my wife so as not to have my family punished for who I may have associated with over the years there has been many people that left the motor cycle clubs years ago that are still considered associates by some police and in the case of the yandina 5 the police have copies of the minutes from the meetings that proves that two of them were not participants in the rebels and had not been for some time, I know this because the police were going to use the minutes in the case against the rebels for selling alcohol but this has not stopped them from pursuing the case against these men and causing them and their family unnecessary stress and uncertainty of their future .

certain police seem to be interpreting these laws in the widest possible way completely in contrast to evidence given by the solicitor general and the attorney generals at the recent high court challenge , after the high court challenge the general consensus was that the police would have a better understanding of what the laws were and how they should be interpreted this does not seem to be the case with the police still not going after the actual organised crime instead spending time and money on trying to stop any bikie from having a legitimate job by revoking security license Crane drivers licenses of people who have no criminal record visiting the work place and suggesting rather heavily to the employers to sack any worker with bikie friends.

These laws are not stopping crime in fact it has added to the black market of tattooist working from home, caravans, sheds etc that operate in unsterile environment and who avoid paying tax or declaring the money they earn. one example is when my wife [REDACTED] dismissed a employee because he refused to declare all his earnings because it would place him in a higher tax bracket one month later he was granted an operators licence and opened up his own shop , now with a little investigation instead of stereotyping it would be clear that this person is paying off two houses and declaring very little earnings. I have been informed by police that if i declare that i was a member of a criminal organisation but have now left that organisation it would go a long

way to help my wife in her application for a tattoo licence but i have never been a member of any organised crime group so i can not sign that because it would stating that i was involved in organised crime

I believe that it is of the utmost importance to place a hold on the effect of these laws until there is a proper inquiry into their use and their suitability to get the job done as there are people that have never broken the law who will not be allowed to work in the industries they have worked in for 20-30 years purely because of who they associate or have associated with over the years, there many who stand to lose everything they own, the tattoo laws were introduced to rid the industry of criminal behaviour not to target people purely because of who they know. Hundreds of people are effected by laws that have not netted any mr bigs but has infringed on the rights of innocent people and go against the international covenant of human rights, criminals should be targeted for what they have done, people should not be targeted because they associate with someone who may have broken the law a few years ago.

## vlad/ antiassociation

Now there were some members of bike clubs that had fallen foul of the law the rebels motorcycle club had less than 30% of members with a record with about 90% of those committed while the members were only young or before they joined the rebels and were

for low level offences this is not denying there has been members that have committed very serious crime and who are serving time in jail. These laws are being used to destroy all people in certain bike clubs not to target organised crime this brings me to my problem and the problems with many other Queenslanders. the people who i have met that are are being caught up in this legislation are not part of any organised crime but are easy targets when the laws are used in such a broad sense and it makes it very easy for police to lay charges against them for minor crimes with very little evidence. I am involved in the [REDACTED] and with regard to the high court challenge it was my view that the vlad part of this legislation was not important to me as i then believed it would never affect me as i am not part of any organised crime gang i have since learnt that this is not the case and i could be charged for a very minor crime such as entering a prescribed premises [ even if i am the owner of that property] then go through a very costly court proses to prove my innocence . police say club houses are places used for illegal activity police monitored club houses very closely over the years and there has been no evidence to substantiate these clams .

I would like the opportunity to address this inquiry in person as i do believe i would have a considerable input to these matters from a perspective of some one that has been affected by this legislation that is and

can stop Queenslanders from making a legal living  
not for what they have done but who they may  
associate with There is no logical reason to stop  
people with little or no criminal record from working in  
legitimate jobs

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