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**In Reference to;**

Submissions to the Taskforce Department of Justice and Attorney General

**Inquiry Area Five;**

All amendments to the Qld Criminal Code (including the Criminal Code (Criminal Organisations regulations 2013) in the 2013 legislation and the Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment Act 2013.

**In reference to paragraph one and two in the "Terms of Reference.**

1. Review the provisions of the following legislation.
2. Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment Act 2013.

I wish to enter my submission as a club member of the Rebels Motorcycle of 16 years.

Mackay Chapter, Qld 4740

I ██████████ have experienced the ongoing effects of the V.L.A.D legislation of 2013.

Rebels Mackay Chapter is a motorcycle club and **NOT** a criminal organisation, we do not have any of our chapters members convicted for criminal activities since we started in 1999.

Because of these laws we are restricted from going to public places and events. Because of the likely hood of running into two or more other members or associates from our club or other clubs. This has affected my home life, my relationship with my then girlfriend, my friends, which I can no longer associate with because of these laws.

We cannot go for a ride without been pulled over and harassed, searched for no reason.

We are unable to go to our Clubhouse, which we are still paying off. We still have to pay to keep the grounds maintained to council specification at our cost. It is the clubs property, we pay our rates and taxes, and yet we are not permitted to go there or live there. We have done nothing illegal. We don't deserve this treatment for been in a motorcycle club. We are citizens of Australia and should be treated as such.

Members still have their belongings stored on the property, and are unable to access them. They were only given three hour's notice to vacate, or go to jail, on the day the laws were introduced.

We are unable to hold Car and Bike shows, which most of the proceeds were donated to local charities, and upkeep of the property.

We have had Police going to our employers, and real estate agents, advising them that they are selling, or renting to a person who is a member of a criminal organization. People that are members or associates of outlaw motor cycle clubs, and work in the Electrical or Plumbing industry, will have their licence revoked, as they are considered a threat to society also. There is about 85% of our membership that do not have criminal convictions, they work and contribute to society. They are now classified as criminals. The police could not do their job with the ample resources they already had at their disposal at the time, and still have. All that's asked for is, if you are suspected of a crime, investigate, arrest, and present the evidence to a judge, who will prescribe a fitting punishment to suite the crime. Those members that do have convictions are from 20 years ago and have done their penance. This should not be held against them.