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Subject: biker legislation

to whom it may concern,

its with great concern that i have read about the new legislation concerning bike clubs. it seems to me to be a huge backward step, yes i know that in some clubs there is an element who do not do the right thing but the same can me said for any sort of club. in my experience i have had more issues with the behaviour of sporting clubs than bike clubs. here in circular head at one stage we had a footy club giving a point of ice for best on ground. if you follow through with the ban you should make it a blanket rule and ban all public displays of any club of any description. an another point if you ban colours how will you be able to identify groups if there is trouble, seems to me you are just making it hard for yourselves. clubs whether you like it or not are something that create bonds of friendship and give some people who feel as though they do not belong in other circles. i urge you not destroy that side of the club culture, fine go after the villains but understand that not all are tared with that brush. many are family men and is some where to go and have mateship with like minded. it seems these days that having mates and brothers is not wanted unless you are into the sports culture and we all know that is fuelled by performance enhancing drugs and alcohol but that seems to be acceptable in modern day society

yours faithfully

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