

**From:** Andrea Brown

**Sent:** Thursday, 10 May 2018 4:11 PM

**To:** Strategy Support (DPFEM) <[strategy.support@dpfem.tas.gov.au](mailto:strategy.support@dpfem.tas.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs

My name is Andrea Brown and I am writing my response regarding the laws hoping to be put in place by Tasmania Police regarding outlaw Motorcycle gangs.

Firstly, in case you are unaware, most of the serious drug offences that go through the supreme court are by young people, working or living at home with their parents in some cases and getting it sent in the mail dirt cheap.

They are the new generation of drug dealers. Yes I realise that bikies are sometimes involved in the drug trade but the number of drug dealers compared to that of average blokes who work for a living and love bikes..... Well I think the average bloke in these gangs far outweighs the drug dealer.

As far as colours go, I don't know anyone who's scared or intimidated by colour. If certain people feel threatened then it's probably because they are shady characters who have done something wrong in one way shape or form and their paranoia or conscience has taken hold. I have been thinking hard about a significant incident that has made this subject so important all of a sudden. For the life of me I can't. The banditos have set up in Tasmania. A whopping twelve or so members all originating from Tasmania. No way is Tasmania going to be a bike gang haven. Why would it when members from other states have families, jobs and commitments in their own state.

The only thing scaring the public over this subject is the media spurred on by Tasmania Police. Yet I have made it my business of late to see how many police officers Australia wide are stood down pending inquiry regarding illegal behaviour outside of work or disgusting acts internally. Maybe the public should in fact be scared of police as the numbers even shocked me.

Stood down without pay at that.... Really shows them who's boss.

On a final note, if anything your rules and regulations will only cause unrest and friction amongst the motorcycle community. No colours means not being able to tell one from the other so confusion won't go well. From experience, I know people from each so called outlaw gang. Funny thing is for the most part get along. Attending each other's functions as friends. The ice epidemic started twenty odd years ago. It was ignored and now its gone to proportions that will be hard to stop while the demographic of person you are holding responsible is wrong.

It's not that hard to admit when you make a mistake, although government departments seem to like the handball approach and this subject is a great example of that.

Regards

Andrea Brown