

To: Strategy Support (DPFEM) <strategy.support@dpfem.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Public consultation open – new outlaw motorcycle gang legislation

Dear Inspector,

I support none of the proposals put forth to restrict the free association of people due to previous criminal history. I fear misuse due to confirmation bias of individual police which includes but is not limited to racism, sexism, homophobia, and ableism. Having expensive safeguards like having to appeal to a magistrate could have enormous effects on those who can't afford good legal advice.

Current consorting laws seem to predate the declaration of human rights and their introduction occurred at the same time as fascism was popular among some members of the political elite in the British Empire we were a part of. We should not update them but should abolish them and fight crime with evidence and not give Police powers it can abuse.

Regards

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