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To introduce myself, I am a motorcycling enthusiast who also has a passion for the protection of individual rights and privacy. I have raced (closed-circuit), commute regularly to work and enjoy trips away with friends; all on a motorcycle. I am a committee member of South Motorcycle Riders Association of Tasmania, Inc. (MRA South); however the views expressed below should be regarded as my own and not an official response from MRA South.

In regards to the proposed Organised Criminal Groups Legislation, I have the following concerns:

- The targeting of *any* minority group(s). Everyone should be equal in regards to the law.
- The lack of judicial processes involved with regards to prescribing groups. It is entrusting too much authority to a single position/person. There appears to be no oversight or recourse available.
- The presumption of innocence is lost, with the power to detain without charge due to 'suspicion'. This can be easily abused as there is no clear definition of what constitutes suspicion.
- Members of the motorcycling community getting harassed by police, with an increase of 'random checks'. Similar laws in other states have shown this to be the case.
- The reputation of those in the motorcycle community will be tarnished as many in the broader community will see an increase in the number of riders pulled over and assume it is related to illegal activity. This will increase risk to riders from those who perceive that all riders are criminals and treat them accordingly on the road, rather than seeing riders as people with families and friends.
- Decreased visibility to the public of those who are in patch clubs. This actually results in more approachability by the community in general, due to pre-conceived perceptions which currently prevent people from approaching those displaying patches.
- Risk of accidental association is high due to the nature of charity runs with lots of motorcycle riders. This could be used to target or harass motorcycle riders unfairly in situations where the laws should not apply.
- Illegal activity (drug related and otherwise) from those not in a 'prescribed group' will flourish, as focus and resources will be targeted away from crimes in general and to a specific minority.
- The risk of future abuse and/or extension of the law to any minority group is unacceptable in a society that values an individual's rights.

These are just the initial concerns I have with a very quick read through the proposal. I hope that my responses and those from other members of the community are sincerely considered.

Regards
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