

To The Inspector  
Legislation & Development Review Services  
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I would like to put forward this submission to express my significant concerns in relation to the proposed "Bikie Laws".

My name is Sarah Anning I'm 41 years old female living in [redacted] worked at Mondelez International for 14 years (Cadburys) in November 2017 I was given the opportunity to take a voluntary redundancy which I was very grateful to receive and follow my dream of becoming a Disability Support Worker. I am currently studying my Certificate III Individual Support Disability at TasTAFE and working for [redacted] as a casual disability support worker which I love.

My partner and I have both worked years of shift work, which was long hours in our previous jobs as machine operators. Our time spent together on our days off, has always been around my partners bike. Although I don't have a motorcycle license I love being a pillion on the back of my partners bike and for the both of us, this is something we both love to do together.

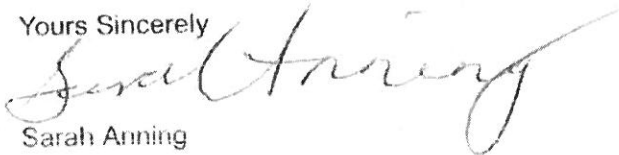
This is why It concerns me that the proposed "Bikie law" will impact on each and everyone of us. This is evident in the hours of research I have done and is proven evidence from our friends who are motorcycle enthusiasts like ourselves when they have travelled to states where the laws are now. The laws in states like NSW/QLD have disturbing statistics showing that all riders in their home states of NSW & QLD are receiving undue and unwanted attention from the police particularly in QLD under these Laws. The most concerning is that these riders are not as the police propose as "Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs" or 1%ers, these are average people who are motorcycle enthusiast just wanting to ride their bikes. All these riders reported that they were randomly stopped for license checks, bike checks, drug and alcohol testing. While all riders comply on every occasion, in my opinion it seems very unwarranted and has the potential to impact on all rider within our community. As motorcycle riders will feel as though every time they go out to ride, they will be subjected to unwanted harassment.

One thing I did notice in the proposed new laws is that It does not clearly state how the proposed new laws will be implemented. These new laws seemed to be very open to interpretation by any given police officer and already evidently been demonstrated in other states. I also fail to see how Motorcycle Club Riders not wearing their club colours will help in suppressing alleged criminal activity expressed by the police. Outlaw Motorcycle members are less than 0.05% of the Tasmanian population, really do the government think by removing their colours it is going to lessen criminal activity, this is outrageous. How about the police be given the resources they need to do their job. If their intelligence is so accurate as they keeping claiming it is, then they should know who is doing criminal activity and charge them.

By introducing these laws to target minority groups is simply unfair, unjust and so unAustralian. These proposed laws are a breach of human rights: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) Human Rights are universal legal guarantees protecting individuals and groups against actions which interfere with fundamental freedoms and human dignity. The basic rights and freedoms to which all human are considered entitled are the same rights to life, liberty, equality and a fair trial, freedom from slavery/torture and freedom of thought and expression. From Article 7, 12, 13, 17, 20 and 23 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights these new proposed laws impinge upon a number of Human Rights which are recognised as being a part of all human rights and Australia is obliged by international law to protect everyone of us by. These new proposed laws are taking away people's freedom and freedom of choice, this is not a society that is fair and just for all Australians.

I would like to know how you intend on educating the police and public to understand that the huge majority of motorcyclists are not criminals and should never all be put in the same box as branded criminals that these laws are implying. There are bad eggs everywhere, we see them in government, religion, police, football clubs and nearly all organizations. Don't let a few bad eggs discriminate against the rest of us. Next it will be people are not allowed to wear their favourite football jumper because they are classed as a criminal organisation.

Yours Sincerely



Sarah Anning