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Subject: Proposals for Motorcycle Gangs

To whom it may concern

I have seen and read the media releases about the crack down on Motorcycle gangs and how being seen as a group, wearing their badged uniforms in public will intimidate the general public .. Im a general public member and I believe strongly that introducing this law is not only unacceptable but will create a stronger fear than you say already exists .. By banning gangs from events and social gatherings like restaurants or travelling on the boat or plane it emphasizes the already very misunderstood ideal of what a 'BIKIE' actually is, and extremely unfair.

I understand completely there are some that have caused issue for the law department over the years but you can not tar them all to the one brush. As with any member of the general public you will have some that will break the law and cause problems and those you sort individually and NOT as a whole

.. You DO NOT wrap the condemn a whole community/group for a single person actions, just as you dont give the general public a bigger reason to complain more about something that is not a problem.

In our communities we have many Motorcycle Gangs who raise money for charities and donate where possible.

And many are very normal good people who live the same lives as we do, they go to work, own houses, businesses and pay taxes just as you do.

Realistically if you implement this new law you will be encouraging more political correctness bunched together with a much bigger scare campaign, which is not needed at all.

This country already has way too many issues due to changing things to suit the easily offended,

We are in the 21st Century and we need to stop beating dead horses and start dealing with the bigger issues.

We have an ice problem .. to me that's way more important than worrying about "BIKIE GANGS" going out in public for a meal as a group wearing club uniforms .. what they wear is the least of my concerns and should be the least of every ones.

Regards
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