

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

Subject: New outlaw motorcycle gang legislation.

To The Inspector, Legislation & Development Review Services,

I am writing to you in regards to the proposed new outlaw motorcycle gang legislation.

Let me start of by saying I am a 33 year old Tasmanian, Wife, Mother of 4, Home owner, Government employee (as a Registered Midwife), business owner and respectable member of our community.

I am also a wife, daughter in law and sister in law to patched members of a motorcycle club.

I want to express my absolute disgust at these new proposed legislation as it is an absolute violation of civil rights. We live in a civilised country in Australia, our democracy is based on the freedom of choice and it is ludicrous that a government feel that they have the right to dictate to its community what can and can not be worn in public. Moreover, the fact that the government and is marketing this to the public as an attempt to keep them safe from bkie "gangs" who intimidate and push drugs throughout the community is ridiculous and absolute scare mongering.

I have been married to my husband for 10 years and a part of his family for 16. As stated previously my Husband, Father in law and brother in laws are all members of a motorcycle club. I personally have never had any issues with anyone in, or associated with any motorcycle clubs. Furthermore, I have witnessed an incredible community of likeminded people who demonstrate comradely and a willingness to help one another when in need. In my household both my husband and I work full time in paid employment and with secondary businesses which support bettering community. We do this so we can pay for our family home and the cost of providing our children with a private school education. We are both respectable members of our community and we do our best to set an amazing example to our children. I can assure you that we do not fund any of this from so called drug money that the government propaganda might have you believe. I welcome any minister into our home to see how we live and experience what it is like for an average family of one of these so called "gang" members.

It is already proven that these laws do not work with their implementation in Queensland. Drug rates have gone up despite these laws coming in with the aim of reducing them and hundred of thousands of tax payers dollars have been wasted on monitoring the clothing choices of the public. You can see how crazy this sounds right?

If laws like this are implemented in Tasmania it will be a slippery slope where our civil rights will slowly start to be taken from us. It will also mean that a simple Christmas dinner or family event for us could be viewed consorting and become illegal for us to spend time together as a family.

In my personal opinion hard earned tax payer money would be much better spent in actually addressing the issues that our state faces. Like our of control ice epidemic that is destroying families, perhaps we could fund appropriate drug rehabilitation services. Or our inadequate penalties for sex offenders, inadequate funding for child protection services and lacking mental health facilities, I could literally list better options for days. If the government thinks that this is something that the community wants they are sadly out of touch with reality. I sincerely hope that you reconsider this legislation.

Kind regards,
Danielle Seadon.