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The bikie laws the Government are trying to bring in to Tassie are absolutely the biggest waste of taxpayers money. What evidence do they have to substantiate that these proposed legislations have worked in other states of Australia and how does the Government of this state justify introducing them here...what exactly have they based their decision on? Crime figures and statistics show clearly that 1% Motorcycle Clubs have very little to do with drug crime, violence related offences and the like. Tas Police say they know that certain clubs (or gangs as they call them) are involved in drug trafficking in Tasmania but only a small amount of members have ever been charged. For example: look at the amount of money and resources put in to disrupting the Rebels last National ride in Tasmania...and for what, a few minor charges that were insignificant in comparison to the actual drug problem we have in Tasmania. I think the money and resources going in to putting these proposed legislations in place and enforcing them could be better spent elsewhere like actually investigating drug trafficking properly and putting the real criminals behind bars as opposed to using 1% Motorcylce Clubs as scapegoats just to make it look like they are actually doing something about the problem. Removing patches/colours from Motorcylce Clubs and preventing them from associating with each other in public will not solve anything as proven in Queensland and other states that have brought these ridiculous laws in. In fact the drug problem in these states has not improved at all so once again i ask what is the Government basing these new laws on and why can't they provide the public with substantial evidence/proof that these laws will do any good. Australia is supposed to be a free country and a place where a person has the right to wear whatever they like, express themselves and associate with whoever they like...these new laws go against that and makes me wonder what our Anzacs fought for if this is the way our country is heading where a member of a Motorcylce club cant wear the clubs colours in public, ride with his mates and enjoy the freedom of being Australian.