

To: Strategy Support (DPFEM) <strategy.support@dpfem.tas.gov.au>  
Subject: Organised Criminal Groups Legislation – Position Paper

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing in response to the public consultation notice that was recently advertised in the public arena. I would appreciate the supporting information that shows from real data that these allegations against Motor Cycle Clubs have been proven to bully, harass and have been prosecuted for drug related crimes. This has been quoted in your notice but with little fact supporting this allegation.

This potential change in legislation is a downright breach of a person's freedom and is total discrimination. It is wrong to presume that **they are all** involved in criminal activity. There are good and bad people in all parts of the community. Uniforms are worn by policemen, firemen, sports members, the list could go on forever, and whether or not they abide by their set standards to wear that uniform, it shouldn't imply **that they are all** tarred with the one brush if one of them does participate in criminal activity.

The fight in the Crowd at the recent Hawthorn V St Kilda game is a good example of many thousands of people doing the right thing and a small minority doing the wrong thing!

I ask the question if this legislation is passed, and there is a group of people riding motorcycles together, will they now be harassed by the local establishment, or will there be a limit on how many people can ride in a group.

Also can you please provide the data supporting the changes in legislation from other states that support this argument in relation to drugs on the streets and violence related crimes since its introduction. (Cost of implementation against outcomes in reduction of crimes in other states – as this is the model in which the Tasmanian Government wishes to adopt)

As a taxpayer for the Tasmanian State, I find the time; effort and money invested into this could be better invested into Education, Health System and as we are an island state, spend the money on stopping the illegal items entering the state.

I for one don't believe that implementation of this OMG Legislation will change a thing, other than law abiding citizens who enjoy motorcycles will be subject to road side harassment when out enjoying our wonderful state.

I would also appreciate confirmation that you have received this letter.

Kind Regards

Jason Smith