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THE INSPECTOR

LEGISLATION&DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SERVICES
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HOBART
TASMANIA

Dear Sir,

I would like my submission to be given consideration with regard to the proposed Bikie Laws in Tasmania. I was born in Hobart Tasmania in 1951 and started riding motorcycles in 1966 and have since had a great interest in the manufacture, restoration and riding of motorcycles.

During the 1980s I belonged to the British Motor Cycle Club. The club consisted of generally social riders and including predominately members of the Tasmanian Police force. I was for a time secretary of the club. The club exists today and social riding and activities are enjoyed by the enthusiasts. The logo or patch is worn on jackets by most members.

From 1990 I have belonged to the Ulysses Club incorporated which is the largest social club catering for the over 40 year olds. I have so far enjoyed 27 years of travel around the state of Tasmania and on to the Mainland attending many AGM events. The issues of patches and logos have been the subject of question during the 1990s. The Ulysses club inc. being dictated to by minority groups who have had an authoritarian approach.

The dictatorship of the minority groups should not be tolerated. The motorcycling fraternity have tolerated bullying and fortunately so far are able to wear their badge or patch as would any bowls, sailing or recreational club. I hope this may continue.

I have never been associated with any criminal gang and have no record of participation in any activities which are unlawful. I cannot see that outlawing the wearing of colours, badges and patches will resolve any of the major issues of concern.

I was president of the Tasmanian branch of Ulysses Club incorporated in 1995,96,97. During that period I and dedicated members coordinated the first National Annual General Meeting in Hobart. We were supported and encouraged by the Government, tourism, Commissioner of Police, Lord Mayors of Hobart and Glenorchy of that time and Peter Hodgeman. I have documents thank you letters from those involved on file.

The 1996 National AGM event held in Hobart was of great success and the quality of the event has been a bench mark for other states to match. Many of these gatherings involve the association of from 2000 to 7000 members at one time.

Two other AGM events have been held in Ulverston 2006 and Launceston 2016 bringing tourists, funds and fun to the state of Tasmania.

My riding and social participation with the Riders of Tasmania ROT has been nothing but good fun with motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life including military and police. My wife and I have logos, badges patches from various organizations including the Gold wing Road Riders Association and Gold wing Club of Australia of which we are members. We are proud to wear these.

Other participation includes the MRA and toy run, Black Dog Ride both day and Round the state events raising funds for Depression and Suicide prevention.

I object to the proposed laws with regard to the wearing of colours and by association. Motor cyclists should not be or appear to be tared with the same brush.

I encourage legislation that will actually control unlawful behavior by the minority individuals via the intelligence and evidence available.

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