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**Subject:** Organised Criminal Gang Legislation Submission

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Dear Sir

Around 65 years ago my father regularly rode a motorbike along with his mates. He was also a member of a couple of clubs... including a badminton and football club.

Around 35 years ago my brother started riding a motorbike along with his mates. He was also a member of a couple of clubs... football and a motorcycle club.

Now both my sons regularly ride with their mates and both are members of a club...they were also members of a football and basketball club.

ALL of these clubs wear some type of a "uniform" to show they belong and they wear it with pride.

These motorcycle clubs in Tasmania have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities. They also attend a Toy Run every year, again a charitable act.

I cannot see what the problem is with a group of mates enjoying a ride on their bikes, getting together at a club house enjoying each others company and wearing a vest. It is an item of clothing!! So now we are being told what we can and cannot wear??

I have been attending these club houses for over 30 years and in that time I have been treated with kindness and respect and have never seen anything like is sometimes portrayed in the media. They are just mates who look out for and look after each other. The majority of them are family men.

I will not deny there can be a rotten apple occasionally - as there are in any group/club.

None of these clubs want bad publicity. They just want to be left alone to do what they enjoy - socialise, put on their vests and ride with their mates in the club.

Kind regards  
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