

To the Committee Secretary,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for taking the time to read my submission for the "Inquiry into the legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups".

Let me First introduce myself, My name is Shane and I am 40 yrs old, a father of 5 and a twice divorcee, I have been on a road registered motorcycle since the age of 18. Biking has been a major part of my life. I have Rode more kilometres than I care to recall and all those km's as a proud and Free Australian, I Served this country in the Australian army and did so under the assumption I was doing so to Keep our country free from political dictatorship .

In my journeys through out our great nation I have met many a Colourful biker from all walks of life. These gentlemen as individuals were just like me with the same love for motorcycling. I have also had the pleasure of Associating with many of them as a guest of their motorcycle club, weather it be a fund raising ride, a Poker run, Bike and Tattoo show or just as a guest on a club run.

I am in no way attached to any 1% club but do associate with some, I have made good friends with individuals within these clubs. I Feel that my way of life (the one I choose to live) is under threat of being taken away from me with the introduction of these new laws. Now I have read in the news and from transcripts of political documents that, I quote "/*If you are not a criminal or partake in criminal activities you have nothing to fear*/". I find this utter rubbish as the laws state that if I associate with these individuals or groups more than 6 times in 1 year than I can and will be gaoled. Let me just add here that I have no police record or prior convictions for any criminal or illegal activities.

It is with this knowledge that I fear that I will be persecuted for simply having mates in these clubs, thats not to say that their criminals either. I cannot see how these laws can be justified in their current form. I also feel that they are and will encroach on the great Australian tradition within our justice system of "Innocent until proven guilty". Our constitution also states and I quote"/*Section 117 - Rights of residents in States*

A subject of the Queen, resident in any State, shall not be subject in any other State to any disability or discrimination which would not be equally applicable to him if he were a subject of the Queen resident in such other State.*/"

It is my opinion that the state of South Australia is in breach of our constitution by trying to implement these laws in the manner that they are. And that any other state that tries will be in breach of the constitution as it is written. By these laws being introduced, I and many of motorcyclists as Subjects of the Queen within the meaning of the term will be discriminated against under these laws if introduced.

By that I mean, just because I associate with like minded individuals and just because they are members of a 1% motorcycle club I will be classed as a criminal and treated as such, it is this concept that horrifies me as to where the state governments will head next if these laws are introduced and the said clubs are terminated. Will they then target all other clubs that may or might have INDIVIDUAL criminals as members ?

With thanks
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