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Cracking Down On Bikie Gangs

The Territory Government today passed a Bill to amend the Serious Crime Control Act to further streamline the process of cracking down on bikie gangs, and preventing gang related violence in the Territory.

Attorney-General, Rob Knight, said these laws are designed to restrict and disrupt the activities of persons and organisations, such as bikie gangs, engaged in serious criminal activity.

“Today’s changes have strengthened the Serious Crime Control Act and made the process of dealing with gangs more robust,” Mr Knight said.

“Once an organisation is deemed under this law, control orders are put in place on individual members making it illegal for them to associate with one another by any means, including via telephone or electronic media.

“Additional restrictions will also apply to their future employment opportunities, prohibiting them from working in a tattoo parlour or in the security industry for example.

“While today’s Bill relates strongly to bikie gangs, any organisation or gang which falls into the category as outlined in the Serious Crime Control Act will be subject to these laws.

This Government continues to lead the way in combating gangs involved in illegal activity through a range of legislative measures.

“This falls in line with a national approach to combating organised criminal activity.

“These new laws will provide Territorians with further protection from bikie gangs and other such organisations.

“Community safety is a top priority of this Government, and these laws are a clear signal to criminals from other states that fleeing to the Territory is not an advantageous option,” Mr Knight said.

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