Northern Territory supports Queensland’s anti-bikie laws

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Attorney-General John Elferink announced the Northern Territory will throw its support behind Queensland’s anti-bikie laws in a High Court challenge to begin today.

The Northern Territory joins the Commonwealth, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia in backing the legislation.

“The Northern Territory will argue that the laws are an important crime-fighting tool to crackdown on the illegal activities of outlaw motorcycle gangs, and should be upheld,” Mr Elferink said.

“Organised criminal gangs are not only an issue for Queensland, but have the potential to create further negative consequences for other states and territories.

“The dangerous and harmful activities of outlaw motorcycle gangs are a national issue and one which must be addressed by all jurisdictions.

“There must be a zero-tolerance approach to the borderless illegal activities of criminal gangs across Australia.”

The validity of the anti-bikie legislation has come under the spotlight following a legal challenge by a member of the Hells Angels, a declared ‘criminal organisation’ under Queensland’s laws.

Mr Elferink said the Northern Territory Government will closely monitor the outcome of the challenge before any decision is made to introduce similar legislation to the Territory.

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