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GPO 2360  
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**SPAAL Submission - Penalties for assaults on police and other frontline emergency service workers, corrective service officers and other public officers**

Dear Sir,

We refer to your letter dated 6 December 2019 advising of the Terms of Reference referred to the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council concerning penalties for assaults on police and other frontline emergency service workers, corrective service officers and other public officers and inviting our association's response.

The Security Providers Association of Australia Limited (SPAAL), is a national security industry association and an approved security industry association in Queensland, providing industry education, compliance and business services. The SPAAL is committed to building a professional, ethical, reliable and well respected security industry for the future and has in place strategic planning and other initiatives to consolidate this commitment and promulgate its corporate objectives on behalf of the membership.

The SPAAL supports an increase in penalties for assaults on police and other frontline emergency service workers, corrective service officers and other public officers.

**The definition of 'public officer' in section 340 of the Criminal Code should be expanded to recognise other occupations**

Over the past 5 years the role of private security officer to protect Queenslanders from alcohol related crime, violence and anti-social behaviour, as well as deal with responsibilities related to the management and control of criminal organisations in and around licensed venues have led to increasing assaults on private security officers.

Most notable of the assaults was on [REDACTED], [REDACTED] a licensed crowd controller at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was assaulted by 6 drug affected patrons kicking and punching him repeatedly. [REDACTED] now finds himself bound to a wheelchair with limited mobility.

Private security officers play an integral role in the community in providing protection and safety for persons. Controlling the flow of people into and out of a venue or events presents a variety of potential risks to the health, safety and welfare of those responsible for crowd control. The primary role of crowd controllers employed to manage entry into events or venues is to ensure potentially troublesome or intoxicated people don't enter and are safely managed at that point. There are various risks to crowd controllers, such as aggressive or abusive behaviour, patron illness or patron traffic management issues and crowd controllers must have the knowledge and training to deal with these situations.

We therefore propose that private security officers be included in the expanded definition of "public officer" in section 340.

SPAAL Queensland Director, Garry Oliver is a director and senior facilitator of a registered training organisation specialising in security industry training and licensing. Mr Oliver has operated a manpower security company and is a security and liquor industry consultant and served with the Queensland Police for 24 years. Mr Oliver has considerable knowledge and experience and can assist in providing information on the key issues relating to assaults on private security officers for consideration by the Council.

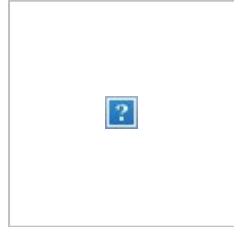
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