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Dear Sir or Madam

Fortunately we have just one experience of being requested to 'move on' by a Queensland police officer.

Until I read your request for responses in the Courier Mail I was unaware that it was an offence in the first place despite having lived in Qld for ten years.

Walking my dog with my wife at 7pm on a Friday evening in leafy xxxxxxxx I saw the flashing police lights on our path and then observed five local teenagers, none of whom had any form being forced to sit on the ground by two officers who were barking at them.

Knowing the boys we asked them what was the problem as their parents are upstanding members of the local community.

The police officers became quite aggressive towards us and we were told in no uncertain terms to move on.

I am a company director, my wife a medical practitioner and we were appalled at the officers' attitude.

I also served five years as a constable in England and have been commended twice for bravery in addition to several other internal commendations.

The Queensland Police lack any form of public communication skills and do not believe they have to possess any.

This is the most worrying aspect. The lack of respect for the general public is so ingrained in the culture that it would take a generation or more to remove it.

This view is shared by everyone I work with from multi millionaires to tradesmen.

The police are seen as a torrid enforcement agency who are definitely not to be trusted. Sad but true and far removed from 'protect and serve'

In the words of a local sergeant "the last people I would go to if I had a problem would be the police" Enough said.

So scrap the draconian move on powers. Eventually the penny may drop with the police thugs that perhaps they do need to communicate with the law abiding public.

One day they may get some respect.

Regards

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