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Since November 24, 2019 when my son was randomly stabbed and murdered, I have been striving for the Tasmanian Police to have the ability to randomly use metal detector wands in the service of offence prevention and improved safety for the general public.

My many meetings and correspondence with various government departments, including the Minister of Police, over the last almost 5 years, attest to this mission that I am committed to achieve. I already have the support of the opposition and various independent politicians and members of the Legislative Council.

The use of these wands is already adopted by several states and the statistics of confiscated knives and other weapons is staggering. Mark Ryan, the Queensland Minister of Police was generous enough to accompany me to one of the meetings with Minister Ellis and the Police Commissioner Donna Adams. Mark Ryan offered to be of constructive assistance and support.

The introduction of metal detector wands in Tasmania is an absolute "no brainer". The public support for this preventive aid is enormous. The use of these wands is even less invasive than the breathalyser or going through security at the airport. No one complains about these obligatory tests.

I can supply statistical details from other states, and forward years of correspondence with Tasmanian politicians if required.

The introduction of random wandling is imperative.

Yours sincerely

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